



West Virginia
Teens for **Life**

September 2013

Dear Teacher,

West Virginia Teens for Life is sponsoring a Pro-Life Essay Contest for students from grades 7 to 12. The essay should address the statement: *Describe why you have a pro-life position on abortion.* We will be providing prizes and cash for the top three winners in each category: Junior Contest - grades 7 to 9 and Senior Contest - grades 10 to 12.

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Third Place - \$100

All essays are to be submitted by e-mail. The winning essays from each contest will be printed in West Virginians for Life quarterly newspaper, *Life Matters*. The winner of the Senior Essay Contest will be invited to read the winning essay at the West Virginians for Life Rally scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 in the Lower Rotunda of the State Capitol.

We would appreciate it if you could do one of the following:

- Assign the essay as a class project and encourage students to send in their essays.
- Have an essay contest in your class and encourage students to send in their essays.
- Include the essay contest as an option for an extra-credit class project.
- Give the students the information so they can write and submit an essay.

Please use the attached guidelines for the essays being submitted to the contest.

Sincerely, for life,
Ruth and Maria Deely
West Virginia Teens for Life



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Please Follow these Guidelines

- Address the statement: *Describe why you take a pro-life position on abortion.*
- Essays should be submitted between October 1 and November 1, 2013.
- Essays are to be sent by e-mail to: wvteensforlife@yahoo.com
- Essays must be 300 to 500 words in length.
- Sources used in the essay must have citations.
- Use the cover sheet, which is attached. It should include: full name, full address, phone number, grade level, student date of birth, parents' name, the word count of the essay and the name of teacher or pastor, who gave you the assignment (if applicable).
- In submitting an entry, the contestant and parent agree to produce an essay that is original and not copyrighted.
- In submitting an entry, the contestant and parent agree to allow West Virginians for Life to reprint the winning essay.
- Please do not submit artwork or pictures.

Essays will be read and judged on originality, content, and accuracy. Announcements of the winning essays will be made by the end of the year.

For more information, contact Brandi Loop at (304) 598-9845 or e-mail:

wvteensforlife@yahoo.com



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Full Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grade Level: _____ Date of Birth _____

Parents Name: _____

Name of teacher or pastor involved (if applicable):

Word count of essay: _____

Student signature

Date

Parent signature

Date