

******Essay Contest—2026******

Right to Life of Adams County is pleased to sponsor the 31st annual essay contest for 7th and 8th grade students. Teachers of grades 7 and 8 have the option of having their students compete in either the poster and/or the essay contest.

THEME: **Be Kind--Be Pro-Life** (Please make this the title of your paper.)

ELIGIBILITY: All students in grades 7 and 8

LENGTH: One side of page, 8 1/2" x 11" typed
(**only** 1 page will be considered in the judging)

LABELING: Place no identifying marks on the front of the page. On the back, put name, phone, school (or church, if submitted through your church), grade, and teacher.

JUDGING: Each school (church) is asked to determine its best 5 entries and to award each of these a certificate, provided by Right to Life of Adams County.

The five semi-finalist essays from each school will be picked up on February 26, 2026, when the posters are picked up.

FINAL JUDGING, based on the most persuasive and well written presentation of the above theme, will be performed by Mrs. Pat Lask

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes and 3 honorable mentions will be awarded:
 1st place prize-- \$75
 2nd place prize-- \$50
 3rd place prize-- \$25

Schools will be notified by March 6, 2026 Individual calls will not be made to the students' homes. **The schools will notify their winners.**

AWARDING OF PRIZES: All prizes will be delivered to the schools, to be awarded at an in-school ceremony, or in anyway that the school personnel choose.

PARENTAL/TEACHER HELP: Parental and teacher ideas and suggestions are encouraged, and grammatical help is permitted. However, the actual composition and sentence structure must be that of the student.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Jane Haas, 217-257-0533