



2017 HIGH SCHOOL Pro-Life ORATORY COMPETITION Tuesday April 11, 2017

Research one of the life issues below and make a 5-7 minute presentation before a panel of judges

abortion \* euthanasia \* infanticide \* stem cell research

Local contest Prizes \$250 \$100 \$50

State contest prizes \$750 \$375 \$150

National Contest Prizes \$1,000 \$750 \$500

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return by April 7, 2017 to:

Tennessee Right to Life \* PO Box 5218 \* Knoxville, TN 37928-0218

Fax 865-689-4508 \* trlknox@trlknox.com

(Please Print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

TOPIC: (Circle one) Abortion Infanticide Euthanasia Stem Cell Research

Registration deadline: Friday April 7, 2017

Competition Date: Tuesday April 11, 2017

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 3200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

For more information, call Leslie Hulse at 689-1339 or email: trlknox@trlknox.com

# **TENNESSEE RIGHT TO LIFE**

## **2017 Oratory Contest FAQ**

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

Grades 9 through 12 students are able to participate locally and at the state level, but only Grades 11 and 12 are able to participate at the national level.

### **When are the local and state contests?**

The Knox County Chapter contests will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Calvary Baptist Church, 3200 Kingston Pike. The state level contest will be held in early May 2016 in Nashville.

### **Where can students obtain resource materials for their chosen topics?**

Our Knoxville Right to life Office has a library of materials to lend, along with free brochures on every topic. In addition you may want to use the following web sites: **[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)**, **[www.tnrtrl.org](http://www.tnrtrl.org)** and **[www.gravityteen.com](http://www.gravityteen.com)** for extensive information on every aspect of the topics.

### **What are the rules concerning speeches?**

1. Contestants are to research, write and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, stem cell research, or euthanasia. Students may not use the same speech from a previous year. Judging criteria include introduction, content, presentation, conclusion and judges' overall opinions.
2. Because the speech is to be an oration, appropriate gestures are allowed. The style and speech type should be appropriate to the message but the speech must not be a dramatic presentation (i.e. portrayal of baby in the womb, etc.) Quotes are acceptable, but should not dominate the speech. Props are not permitted.
3. Speeches are to be 5-7 minutes. Disqualifications will occur if the speech is under 4 or over 8 minutes at the state or national level.
4. When using statistics, contestants should make sure to use the most current information available.

### **What are the prizes?**

Knox County Chapter will award \$250, \$100, and \$50 for the top three winners. In addition to the cash prizes, a special gift will be given to all participants. The State awards will be \$500, \$250 and \$100 respectively. The National level awards will be \$1000, \$750, \$500 and \$250.

### **Must speeches be memorized?**

Though encouraged, memorization at the local and state level is not required, and it is acceptable for contestants to use notes or refer to their written speeches if necessary. At the national level, speeches must be memorized.

### **Where can I get additional registration forms and more information?**

For additional forms or more information contact Leslie Hunse at Tennessee Right to Life: 689-1339 or [trlknox@trlknox.com](mailto:trlknox@trlknox.com)