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# PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST 2018

**Are you passionately pro-life? Do you like to write? This contest is for YOU!**

**We're awarding over \$1,000 in cash prizes and cool pro-life gear!**

**DEADLINE:** December 7, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific time. We will notify contestants of the results during the month of January.

## CONTEST RULES

- Submissions must be the original and previously unpublished work of the student.
- All essays must be submitted by a parent, legal guardian, or teacher.
- All submissions must conform to formatting requirements.

Visit **[ProlifeEssay.com](http://ProlifeEssay.com)** for full submission guidelines, formatting requirements, prize details, and to enter!

**Questions?** Contact CLSP director of outreach Mary Flores at [mflores@cultureoflifestudies.com](mailto:mflores@cultureoflifestudies.com).



## CATEGORY 1: 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND YOUNGER

Imagine that you are giving a speech explaining to people why it's important that we build a culture of life. A culture of life is a society in which every human being is valued as a gift from God. What would you say in your speech? Be creative in using some of your own ideas, but address at least two of the following points:

- What is the culture of life? What is the culture of death?
- Why is it important to be pro-life?
- How can being a pro-life witness help society?
- What examples could you offer people when thinking about ways to live the pro-life/culture-of-life message?
- How does showing respect for others help build a culture of life?
- What will happen if our country embraces a culture of life? What will happen if it doesn't?

**Write 500–800 words (3–5 paragraphs) responding to the essay prompt.**



## CATEGORY 2: 7<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."  
— Luke 9:23

How can following this simple command help to build a culture of life? Using an example from your own life or the life of someone else (a family member, historical figure, or saint) show how embracing suffering (taking up our cross) in our own lives can help others to see the value and dignity inherent in every human being's life.

**Write 800–1200 words (5–7 paragraphs) responding to the essay prompt.**