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RE: 2026 KRTL Legacy Scholarship for High School Seniors including Oratory Contest for High School Juniors & Seniors Film & Media Contest for High School Seniors (only)

Dear Students, Parents, Grandparents, School Principals and Counselors;

I am thrilled to share with you Kentucky Right to Life's **2026 Legacy Scholarship**, a significant mission and outreach effort of the Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky, in collaboration with our Right to Life Chapters across the Commonwealth.

Since 2021, one of our primary goals is to invest in the next generation by establishing a scholarship program for high school students. Our youth represent 25% of our population, yet they are 100% of our future.

The 'Next Generation Legacy Scholarship Fund' has awarded over (25) \$1000.00 Scholarships since inception. This year, I am delighted to announce that KRTL has expanded our scholarship opportunities and will be granting multiple \$1000.00 and \$500.00 Legacy Scholarships in two categories: Oratory and Media/Film.

For further details, please visit our website: kyrighttolife.org. **The submission deadline is for Oratory is April 1st, with the in-person Kentucky Oratory Competition planned for Saturday, April 18th. Location TBA.**

The submission for Film/Media Competition is April 1, 2026. This year's scholarship awards will be presented in early May. Kindly inform our office of your school's Senior Award ceremony date and time as every effort is made to present the award in person.

We encourage you to pass along this information to any seniors you know who intend to enroll in college in late Summer or Fall of 2026.

Attached is a PDF application form to download, complete, save a copy and returned by email to education@KYRighttoLife.org. You may also find more information by visiting our website <https://kyrighttolife.org>. Feel free to contact our office with any inquiries or for additional information. (502)-895-5959.

Changing Hearts, Saving Lives – "Support Her-Love Both"

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“Every Life Is a Gift” 2026 Kentucky Right to Life Legacy Scholarship

There are TWO opportunities to use your voice!
See below:

High School Seniors — This One’s for You!

Are you a Kentucky high school senior who cares about human dignity, justice, and standing up for what you believe? Kentucky Right to Life invites you to apply for our **2026 “Support Her – Love Both” Legacy Scholarship** — an opportunity to use your voice, creativity, and conviction to make a real impact.



Why Apply?

- Earn scholarship support for college
- Strengthen public speaking or media skills
- Build your resume and leadership profile
- Be part of a statewide pro-life movement
- Make your voice heard on issues that matter

Oratory Competition

- Submission Deadline: April 1, 2026
- In-Person Competition: Saturday, April 18, 2026
- Topic: “Every Life Is a Gift: Why I Am Pro-Life”

Speak with clarity and confidence as you share why every human life matters.

Media / Film Competition

- Submission Deadline: April 1, 2026
- Create a short video or media project that explores the theme “Every Life Is a Gift”, with focus areas that may include:
 - Abortion pill trafficking to minors
 - Euthanasia and assisted suicide
 - Commercial surrogacy and the value of human life

How to Apply

1. Download the application at kyrighttolife.org
2. Complete and save your application
3. Email it to **education@KYRighttoLife.org** by the deadline

Use your creativity to inform, inspire, and challenge.

Scholarship awards will be announced early-May 2026.



Visit Our Website
kyrighttolife.org

APPLY NOW

Your voice matters. Your ideas matter. Every life is a gift.



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“2026 Support Her—Love Both Legacy Scholarship”

A completed application is due on Saturday, April 01, 2026

In 2026, we are excited to announce the return of our KY Right to Life Oratory Contest and our expanded Media/Film Contest! Your oratory and/or film entry should passionately convey the importance of protecting the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Students should present their positions or values while emphasizing compassion, dignity, and respect for all human beings.

PLEASE NOTE: The 2026 Oratory or Film/Media application and deadline process differ. The 2026 Oratory Contest is also open to Kentucky high-school juniors and seniors. The Film/Media Contest is open to only high-school seniors.

**Two Scholarship Opportunities to share your talents
and let your voice be heard**

To enter, please follow the steps below:

Step 1: Select your competition type: Oratory or Film/Media. Then pick your topic.

Oratory Competition:

2026 Oratory Competition Theme: “Every Life is a Gift: Why I am ProLife.”

Students are to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech inspired by the 2026 Oratory Competition Theme: “Every Life is a Gift: Why I am ProLife.”

Speeches should be 5–7 minutes in length. **Each student will give their speech at the Kentucky Right to Life Oratory Contest on April 18th in Lexington, Kentucky.** Stay tuned for the exact location and time. Students are permitted to use notes during their live speech.

*The winner of the 2026 Kentucky Oratory Contest will advance to represent Kentucky and compete in the **National Right to Life Oratory Contest in June in Washington, DC.** (student travel expenses are included with this award).*

A completed application and a written copy and title of each speech must be submitted by **April 1st, 2026**. Please Email it, along with your completed application to education@kyrighttolife.org

OR

Film/Media Competition:

Students should create a video presenting their thoughts and defending their position on **one** of the four topics listed below.

Videos should be **30 seconds to 3 minutes** in length. Examples of previous winning submissions for inspiration can be found on our website.

Once you have created your video, upload it to Google Drive. Include the Google Drive link to your video with your application and email it to [**education@kyrighttolife.org**](mailto:education@kyrighttolife.org)

A completed application, including your video title, must be emailed to [**education@kyrighttolife.org**](mailto:education@kyrighttolife.org) by **April 1, 2026**.

Topic 1 – “Care, Not Killing: Examining assisted suicide and euthanasia in a culture that claims compassion”

Topic 2 – “Women Are Not for Sale: The ethical and human cost of commercial surrogacy”

Topic 3 – “Pills Without Protection: The dangers and consequences of abortion pill trafficking”

Step 2: Provide and Submit Required Forms by Deadline

3. ACTIVITIES FORM. A complete list of activities, experiences, and volunteering during high school, particularly the extent of participation and involvement in prolife and Teens for Life activities, including dates, hours per week, leadership, and awards.

4. PHOTO AND PHOTO RELEASE FORM. A photo and photo release form must be submitted. The forms may be either emailed to [**education@kyrighttolife.org**](mailto:education@kyrighttolife.org) or submitted by mail. (Page 4)

5. TWO RECOMMENDATION FORMS to be completed by two non-related adults. Return these forms with the application in sealed envelopes signed across the seal or ask each adult to mail (or email [**education@kyrighttolife.org**](mailto:education@kyrighttolife.org)) it directly to the RTL Educational Foundation office postmarked by the **Saturday, April 01, 2026** deadline.

Note:

For Oratory Contest, please see special instructions. (Pages 8-9)

For Film/Media Contest, submit your completed Video-upload the video to Google drive. Include the Google link of your Video with your application and email to [**education@kyrighttolife.org**](mailto:education@kyrighttolife.org)

Required forms and additional rules/judging criteria **are** provided in this application.



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In 2026, KRTL, in partnership with our local Right to Life Chapters across the Commonwealth, is offering two contest categories.

- **Oratory**
- **The Video/Media Contest**

There are several award categories including first and second place Oratory and \$1000 and \$500 “Every Life is a Gift” scholarships, and Media/Film Awards \$1000 and (4) \$500.00 awards. The winner of the 2026 Kentucky Oratory Contest will also move forward to represent Kentucky and compete in our National Right to Life Oratory Contest (student travel expenses are included with this award)

Our \$1000 and \$500 scholarships are offered annually by the Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky to assist students who are committed to the prolife philosophy.

The following criteria will be considered by a selection committee of judges:

1. Applicant must be a senior graduating from high school (home schooled students are eligible) in the current school year; have applied to a two-or four-year institution; been accepted; and will enroll for Summer 2026 or Fall 2026 attendance. **** Oratory Competition is also open to Kentucky high school juniors and seniors** Please note, there is an in-person competition on April 18th, 2026. Location TBA.**
2. Applicant must hold a genuine commitment to respecting the dignity of life from conception to natural death and demonstrated prolife activity during his/her high school years as well as a commitment to a continued involvement in prolife activities when they enter college, i.e. Students for Life.
3. Applicant must be a resident of Kentucky.
4. Applicant may be, but it is not required to be, a member of a high school Teens for Life club or other church/school ProLife group.
5. **** Applicants must provide two Recommendation Letters completed by adults (nonrelatives) who are familiar with their ProLife involvement and attitudes. ****
6. **Student must submit a photo and signed release form.**



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- o Completed Application Form
- o Photo and Photo Release Form
- o Activities Form
- o Recommendation Form 1
- o Recommendation Form 2
- o (For Oratory Applicants Only) Written speech submitted by April 1st.
- o (For Oratory Applicants Only) General Understanding of Oratory Contest Rules and Guidelines.
- o (For Media/Film Applicants Only) 30 second-3min video emailed by April 1st.
- o General Understanding of KYRTL Rules and Criteria
- o Note of Key Competition Dates

We wish all of our applicants the best of luck, and we look forward to seeing each submission in the 2026 Kentucky Right to Life Scholarship Competition!

Questions? Call our office at (502) 895-5959 or email education@kyrighttolife.org



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EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. The applicant will be judged on his/her outstanding achievements in and dedication to the protection of all human life. His/her ProLife efforts can be in the area of volunteering, organizing, fundraising, education, prayer, or service (to the elderly, the disabled, or pregnant women), a combination of any or all, or any other involvement that promotes the mission and goals of Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky.

The mission of Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky is to promote respect for the worth and dignity of all human life, including the lives of the unborn from the moment of conception, and the disabled and the elderly, until their natural death. (Abortion, Infanticide, Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia...)

2. The selection committee will consider the applicant's participation and involvement in prolife activities, the attitudes, abilities, and leadership qualities he/she demonstrates that show a respect for all life and the commitment to continue his/her involvement throughout his/her continued education.

3. The panel will review submissions from both the oratory and video contests on elements ranging from originality, content, creativity, and accuracy. (Please see special rules for each category) Additional information may be requested and required from the applicant.

Important Dates: "The Kentucky Right to Life Oratory Contest" will take place on Saturday April 18th, in Lexington -Location to be announced. Application for Students Competing in the Oratory Contest must be submitted to our office by Wednesday, April 1st, 2026.

"2026 Media/Film Submissions" and applications must be received no later than April 1st, 2026.

The scholarships recipients will be announced and awarded early May 2026. The winner shall confirm at that time the name of the institution that he/she will be attending if not indicated and known at the time of the application.

- Please see Oratory Contest Guidelines and Rules next page

The Kentucky Right to Life Oratory Contest Guidelines and Rules are in collaboration with National Right to Life 2026 Contest Rules

(FOR ORATORY CONTEST APPLICANTS ONLY)

The Kentucky winner moves forward to compete in the National Right to Life Jane B. Thompson Oratory Contest and competition in Washington, DC in June 2026– (flight and hotel for student included with the award)

Statement of Purpose

The Kentucky Right to Life and National Right to Life Oratory Contest strives to promote the ability of high school juniors and seniors to share their prolife views with others. Although speaking ability is important, this contest also seeks to help teens organize and express their prolife views. We also strive to give the contestants an opportunity to meet other prolife teens.

Contest Rules

1. High school juniors and seniors in that grade on February 1 of the year of the national contest are eligible to compete. In case of advanced students, non-traditional students, or home-schooled students, the school must recognize the student as a junior or senior or the year the student will enter college will be used to determine eligibility.
2. Students who have competed in their junior year may compete the following year as seniors (with an entirely new speech) except if the student has won first place in the national contest. Second place winners may compete again.
3. ****Contestants are to research, write, and present an original prolife speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. The speech should address one of these topics directly.**
4. **** The speech is to be 5 – 7 minutes in length. A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is timed to be under 4 minutes or over 8 minutes in length. Judges are instructed to use their judgment regarding under or over time limit speeches. It is at the judges' discretion how the 4-5 minute and the 7–8-minute speech will reflect in the score.**
5. Appropriate gestures are permitted. Props are not permitted.
6. Speech content may not be significantly changed as contestants advance. Fine-tuning for minor corrections or to adjust time is allowed and encouraged. A written copy of the contestant's speech will be forwarded to the national contest.
7. The contestant should use up-to-date factual information.

8. **Please read carefully-** The style should be appropriate to the message of the speech. A dramatic presentation is not acceptable as oratory speech. A dramatic presentation is considered anything that is read or performed that has been previously written by another author, a short story, a poem, etc. Although quotes to support a position or statement are appropriate, they may not dominate the speech and should be appropriately cited. Dramatic presentations are also defined, for the purposes of this contest, to include acting as a thing or another person, such as acting out the life of an unborn baby. This rule is not to be interpreted to rule out the use of emotion.

9. The judges' background and qualifications differ, although all are ProLife, the speech should appeal to a broad audience.

10. No copyrighted speeches shall be used in the contest.

11. The contest may be videotaped or recorded, if so, tape will remain the property of Kentucky Right to Life and National Right to Life.

12. Contestants may use notes.

**Please call our office with any additional questions or concerns at
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To be completed by applicant:

Applicant's Name: _____ Student's Cell: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Student's Email Address: _____ **Parent's**

Name: _____ **Parent's Phone:** (____) _____

Attending High

School: _____ **Address:** _____ **Contact**

Person: _____ **Phone** (____) _____

Award Event Date: _____ **Graduation Date:** _____

College/University* _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

Address: _____ **Check all**

that apply: Applied Accepted Enrolled

Planned field of study: _____ **Minor (if applicable)** _____

*Please list first choice institution here. If you have not been accepted and/or enrolled, list other institutions where you have applied on separate paper.

Major/Area of Studies-Scholarship Category:

____ Law/Political Science ____ Medical (Doctor/Nursing/Health-related). ____ Education,
____ Media or Communication ____ Technical/Trade ____ Ministry

I am committed to attend a college or technical school next semester.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

APPLICATION DEADLINES: The Oratory Contest deadline is April 1st with the State in-person Oratory Competition to be held in Lexington **Saturday, April 18, 2026 (location TBA)**

For Film/Media Competition: your application and video must be Submitted and Received no later no later than April 1, 2026.

Scholarship Committee
Right to Life Educational Foundation
161 Saint Matthews Avenue, Ste 2 Louisville, KY 40207



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Kentucky Right to Life Photo Release Form

I hereby grant Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media (“photo”) in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo.

I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge the Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PHOTO RELEASE. I AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE AND I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENT/GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURES BELOW. I ACCEPT:

Student Please Print Name

_____ Signature / _____ Date

Student
Parent/ Guardian MUST SIGN BELOW

_____ Parent and/ Legal Guardian _____ Date

_____ Parent and/ Legal Guardian _____ Date