



Thank you for your interest and action in defending the right to life! We hope the following guidelines will help ease any stress from the essay writing portion of the application. We understand this is a very busy time in your life. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Right to Life Commitment Scholarship will be awarded to a student who best demonstrates his/her pro-life stance on right to life issues such as abortion, euthanasia, eugenics, and embryonic stem cell research. Applicant is to write an essay detailing his/her involvement pro-life activities. Applicant is encouraged to include any documentation, such as letters and photos, that show your work or that show you in action. We also want to hear what you plan to do in the future regarding pro-life issues. Applicant will also provide two brief letters of recommendation from adults, such as a pastor, teacher, ministry leader or others, who are familiar with your pro-life convictions and activities, but are not family members.

Essay Section I: We want to hear how you have stood up for life! Since this is a merit based scholarship, please write a summary of your pro-life activities throughout your high school years. Please consider how you may have promoted a pro-life atmosphere at school, in your community, or on social media. Describe your involvement in any of the various activities; did you lead, help develop, organize, promote, attend or is there another special role you may have played? Perhaps you have had a personal experience with a right-to-life issue. Tell us of any inspirations or motivation if applicable. This section of essay should be approximately 500-700 words, but use as many words as you need to adequately and concisely describe your involvement.

Here are some ways you may have participated in defending life:

Promoting Pro-Life Message in High School

- *Extracurricular pro-life activities (promoted a *40 Film* presentation, pro-life debate, pro-life speech, prayer event, baby item drive, involvement a pro-life group in your school)
- *Classroom (written a paper, spoke up in a discussion, done a class project, artwork or poetry that projects a pro-life image)
- *School newspaper (have published an article, opinion letter, art, photo, promotion of a pro-life event)

Promoting Pro-Life Message in Community

- *Attending a pro-life event (rally, march, life chain, speaker, prayer event)
- *Encouraging legislation reform of pro-life issues (contacting State Reps, attending hearing on any pro-life issues, published letter to editor in local newspaper)

Promoting Pro-Life Message on Social Media

- *Follow, Like, or subscribe to pro-life groups or blogs.
- *Post/share pro-life activity (promote upcoming event, post photos, articles or video, or Instagram a personal message)

Personal Experience

- *If you have had an experience close to heart, tell us about it. Perhaps you, a friend, or a family member had a close encounter with abortion, euthanasia, or other pro-life issue. Tell us what was learned from that experience, any regrets, reliefs, or reflections.

Essay Section II: We want to hear how you plan to continue to stand up for life! Briefly describe how you plan to continue your commitment to the pro-life cause on the campus of the school that you will attend. Does the school or campus church have a pro-life group, plans for pro-life speakers, rallies, or events? If not, what can you do to encourage a pro-life presence on campus? Demonstrate your future commitment to the pro-life cause! Remember this includes all right-to-life issues such as abortion, euthanasia, eugenics, embryonic stem research. This section may be as short or long as you need!



Commitment Scholarship Application, Rules, & Procedure

Application

Student Name: _____ High School: _____

Home Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Name of Parents/Guardian: _____

Name and location of university, college, or trade school you will be attending:

Rules

1. Applicants must be a graduating senior from a high school in McHenry County or be a resident of McHenry County who is graduating from an accredited home school.
2. The student must be accepted into a 2-4 year university/college, or trade school.
3. Letters of recommendation may not be from relatives.
4. Application and essay should be received by 04/01/18.

Procedure

Please mail application and essay to: RLMC P.O. Box 88 Crystal Lake, IL 60039 Attn: RLMC Scholarship