Wilson Co. Right to Life - 2024 High School Oratory Contest Guidelines

The oratory contest will be held on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**. All **Wilson County high school students in grades 9-12** are invited to present an original pro-life speech choosing from the topics of abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research. *(NOTE: Contest registrations must be received in the **TN Right To Life state office Box 110765 Nashville, TN 37222** by **Saturday midnight April 20, 2024**.) (NOTE: Speeches do NOT have to be memorized at the COUNTY level).*

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*For questions or more info, email **info@tnrtl.org** or call **615-298-LIFE (5433)***
*More info, guidelines and applications at **WilsonCountyRightToLife.com***

Participants:
Grades 9-12 are eligible to participate in both the local and state contests. *Only students in grades 11-12 are eligible to advance to the National Level, per NRLC guidelines.*

Speeches:

- Contestants are to research, write and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research.
- Props should not be used in presentation.
- Speeches are to be 5-7 minutes in length. *Disqualification will occur if the speech is under 4 or over 8 minutes at the state and national level of contest.*
- When statistics are used it should be the most current information available.
- Contestants are encouraged to memorize their speeches at the local level; however, speeches are required to be memorized for both the *State and National levels*.
- Contestants are required to participate in their own counties contest unless there is not an active chapter in that county. In such case participant may participate in the closest county's contest.

Judges:
Oratory contest judges serve as constructive critics of the presentation and use a pre-determined scoring system. It is imperative that individuals chosen as judges are qualified to serve this role. Respect for our young and contest credibility demand that we provide an objective and knowledgeable judging panel. An ideal oratory judge:

- Possesses a knowledge of oration and the nature of this contest
- Is a respected member of the community as determined by the local sponsor
- Is sympathetic to the pro-life cause
- Should be at least 21 years of age.
- Must not be an immediate relative of any contestant
- Should not be a chapter officer or board member

Time should be given between each contestant's speech for the judges to complete the ballot before the next contestant starts.

Wilson Co. Prizes: $100 FOR FIRST PLACE WINNER
$50 FOR SECOND PLACE WINNER
$25 FOR THIRD PLACE WINNER

Winner: Winner of the local contest will compete in the state contest.