

# ESSAY COMPETITION CALL FOR ENTRIES

Last year's Life Advocate Awards received a wonderful response from students across Ireland. The annual essay writing competition was set up to encourage research and critical thinking on right-to-life issues. For the 2024 theme we are asking students to discuss Human Dignity using the quote "You have worth not because of what you can do, but because of what you are".

**ENTRIES CLOSE:  
FRIDAY, 22ND MARCH, 2024**

# Life Advocate Awards 2024

Students are asked to submit a 600-750 word essay discussing these words in relation to the right to life. The competition is an opportunity to guide students to develop understanding, clarity of thought and language around this important issue of our time.

The competition is open to students from Transition Year to 6th Year in the Republic of Ireland and Year 12 to 14 in Northern Ireland. First place prize: €300/£250. Runner up prizes will also be awarded. Please submit essays by email (as a Microsoft word document attachment only) to [info@life-works.ie](mailto:info@life-works.ie), or by post to:

LifeWorks Education,  
4B Aran Centre, Blessington,  
Co. Wicklow

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## 2023 WINNERS PHOTOS:

**First place** winner (left): James Tourish, St. Columb's College, Derry

**Second place** winner (middle): Senan Connolly, Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast

**Third place** winner (right): Orlagh McCaul, St. Mary's High School, Newry



## PRIZES

The Life Advocate Essay Competition winner will receive a stylish Engraved Crystal Trophy and certificate, together with prize money of €300/£250. The Prize giving ceremony will be hosted in Government Buildings, Leinster House, Dublin in April 2024.

## ESSAY RULES:

We are looking for structured, well-composed essays reflecting the general theme above. Essays should be 600-750 words. We encourage research (but if statistics or quotations are used in the essay, they must be referenced).

## HOW TO SUBMIT ENTRIES

The website [www.life-works.ie](http://www.life-works.ie) will host all the details of how students can submit entries. While these are straightforward, we encourage teachers to familiarise themselves with them in case the students may need assistance.

## 2022 AWARD WINNERS

**First:** Keeley-Mae Rafferty,  
St Catherine's College, Armagh

**Second:** Erin Kerr,  
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast

**Third:** Kerri McCrystal,  
St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley

**Third:** Zoya Dabir,  
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast.



Erin Kerr



Keeley-Mae Rafferty (Winner)



Kerri McCrystal



Zoya Dabir

## 2021 AWARD WINNERS

**First:** Zoya Dabir,  
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast

**Second:** Conor McCann,  
Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast

**Third:** Ava McGinn,  
Thornhill College, Derry



Conor McCann



Ava McGinn



Zoya Dabir (Winner)