

# 2022 Voice for Life Essay Writing Contest

## Rules and Regulations

The contest is open to children living in Haldimand and Norfolk counties and enrolled in Grades 1-8. One prize will be awarded to the top essay in each of these categories: Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, and Grades 7-8.

**Interested entrants are to follow these instructions according to their present Grade level:**

Grades 1 - 3: Name the picture, give it a title and tell why you chose that name or title. Print or type your words on one page. This must be your own work. Minimum - 50 words.

Grades 4 – 6: Write a story up to 350 words about who is in the picture, how the picture makes you feel and how it relates to you and your family.

Grades 7 – 8: Write an essay of 500 – 700 words on how the picture makes you feel and how it relates to you and your family. Give it a title.

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**Mail the essay, along with the completed Voice for Life 2022 Essay Contest Entry Form, to: Voice for Life Office, 29-B Peel St., Simcoe, ON N3Y 1S1.** A completed entry form is required for every essay entered in the Contest. All entries must include the signature/authorization of a parent or guardian.

**Entries can be submitted by e-mail to: [voiceforlifeHN@gmail.com](mailto:voiceforlifeHN@gmail.com) with “Essay Contest” in the subject line.** A scanned copy of the completed signed entry form as jpg or PDF must be sent in along with your essay submission.

The participant is required to submit personal information in addition to a parent/guardian signature authorization along with the essay. All personal information, such as address, telephone number, email address, age, and Grade, is collected solely for the purposes of administering this competition and shall not be used for any other purpose without consent. By providing this information, you consent to it being used for the stated purposes.

The deadline for the submission of the essay is on or before midnight 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

The essay must be original, and must not have been submitted to any other essay competition(s) or otherwise published. Participants will not be allowed to make any revisions to the essay, once it has been submitted.

The participant will be required to declare any assistance received during the writing of the essay. Sources/ references used in writing the essay should be duly acknowledged in the essay.

Entries are judged anonymously on the basis of the author’s use of language, originality of subject, and writing style. Submissions are processed by a two-tiered system of readers and

judges. A Screening Committee constituted by Voice for Life will first review the essays received. The selected essays will then be submitted to a panel of judges, the requisite qualifications for which are professional experience in writing, teaching, critiquing, and/or distribution of literature. The panel of judges will be selected by Voice for Life. The decision of the screening committee and the panel of judges will be final and binding on the participants. Screeners' and judges' names are confidential until the end of the competition to ensure the judging process remains blind.

Essays will not be returned, and judging comments will not be given to contestants.

The top ranked essay in each Grade level category will receive a cash prize as follows:

Grades 1-3	\$250.00
Grades 4-6	\$250.00
Grades 7-8	\$500.00

If in any Category, the two top entries are judged 'too close to call', then the cash prize will be split equally.

The winners of the competition will be contacted by mail or at the email address mentioned in the entry form. Time from contest closure to announcement of winners depends on number of entries and ease of selecting top essays.

Arrangements will be made to photograph the winners at a function, or individually as they receive their cash prize cheque. Voice for Life is granted the use of names and/or pictures of the finalists and winners for promotional purposes related to the Essay Contest only.

All the essays submitted will become the property of Voice for Life. Each participant automatically grants Voice for Life the right to reproduce, publish, transmit or otherwise communicate to the public their entry, in whole or in part, or using any media for any purpose without permission or payment.

Names of the persons who have written the prize winning essays will be informed to local media by press release, so it be known prizes were distributed.

Voice for Life reserves the final right, where necessary, to make amendments to the above rules and to select the winners of the competition.

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