



**THE LAURA WINTERS STEGEN
PRO-LIFE ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP**

FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

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The Laura Winters Stegen Pro-Life Essay Scholarship Application

(Please print or type all information.)

Student's First Name.....Last Name.....

Street Address.....City.....

Postal Code..... Cell.....

E-mail.....

Post-Secondary Institution and year

Post-Secondary Address.....City.....

Postal Code..... Phone.....

I certify that my essay is my original and unaided work. I have read the rules of the contest and agree to abide by them and accept the decision of the panel of judges as final.

Date..... Student's Signature.....

Parent's Signature (if student is under 18 years)

Note:

This form, duly completed, must be emailed (lproulife@shaw.ca) to Lethbridge and District Pro-Life Association, together with the (1) essay, (2) self-profile, (3) two letters of reference (emailed directly from the author). Failure to provide any of these will disqualify the entry.

Deadline for Submission: May 24, 2024

Children of staff or board of directors of Lethbridge & District Pro-Life are not eligible.

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(Sponsored by the Lethbridge and District Pro-Life Association)

The Laura Winters Stegen Post-Secondary Pro-Life Scholarship was instituted in 2011 by the Lethbridge and District Pro-Life Association in recognition of the leadership and many years of dedicated service of Laura Winters Stegen to the Pro-Life Movement at the local, provincial, and national levels.

Purpose of the Scholarship

To encourage young people to

1. learn more about the pro-life movement
2. reward involvement in pro-life activities
3. participate in voluntary activities in their school, college/university, church and/or community
4. become discerning of society's values

Value of the Scholarship

1. One thousand dollars (\$1000) to be awarded to the winner.
2. Payment and certificate of recognition will be presented to the winner(s) at The Hike for Life (June 8, 2024). If there is a problem with that date, arrangements can be made to present the award to the student. A suitable time and location will be determined.

The Scholarship Contest Rules – Please use the following questions to develop into your essay, and then complete #2:

1. **Essay (75%)**

The essay must be the original and unaided work of the student and must be 1500-2000 words typed, doubled-spaced, and have the title, **name of the student and school on the title page**. It must be well organized, demonstrate clarity, sensitivity, flow of thought, and present factual information with the appropriate documentation (cite all sources using APA, MLA, or Turabian [Chicago] style).

Please use the following question to develop into your essay:

Pro-Life Topic & Argument: In Canada, the scope and scale of legal medicalized killing, or euthanasia, has already surpassed that of other nations around the world. Access to Medical Assistance in Dying, or MAiD, no longer requires recipients of lethal injections to be individuals whose natural deaths are reasonably foreseeable. And while the Canadian government recently extended the temporary exclusion of eligibility for MAiD for persons suffering solely from a mental illness to 2027, this is merely a pause in their plan to expand access: not a cancellation!

These developments are happening in the context of widespread normalization and mainstreaming of euthanasia. **Write an essay explaining how various cultural elements have contributed to the acceptance of euthanasia as a remedy for suffering, and how these factors might be overcome. What cultural tools and methods ought pro-life Canadians employ to combat MAiD and the destructive**

messages that support it? What life-affirming messages might we promote instead? Create a plan of action for pro-life individuals and/or communities. The best responses will be thoughtful, creative, and organized.

AND

2. Self-Profile and References (25%)

- a. Submit a self-profile (200-400 words) that describes your interest and involvement in pro-life activities and other voluntary activities.
- b. Obtain **two** letters of reference (emailed directly to us, from the author). Your references should be from people who have observed or are aware of your involvement in pro-life activities (as stated in your self-profile)

Eligibility

The entrant must be a full-time student attending a post-secondary institution (does not have to be in Southern Alberta) and must have their home base in the administrative region of Lethbridge and District Pro-Life (west to the BC border, east to the Saskatchewan border, south to the U.S. border and north to Vulcan/Nanton).

Administration of the Scholarship

1. A committee selected by the board of Lethbridge & District Pro-Life Association will administer the contest and constitute the panel of judges.
2. Entries will be judged between **May 25 – June 3, 2024,** and the winner will be announced and presented to at a determined time and location.

Rights to Essays Submitted

Lethbridge and District Pro-Life Association retains the copyright to any essay submitted for the contest and the right to publish it for non-profit purposes. The author will be acknowledged in any publication or other use of the essay. You can email your submission to lprolife@shaw.ca.