



**THE ELSIE ALEXANDER  
PRO-LIFE ESSAY  
SCHOLARSHIP**

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FOR HIGH SCHOOL (GRADE 12) STUDENTS

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**The Elsie Alexander 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.....

School..... Principal.....

OR Home School Board .....

School Address..... City.....

Postal Code..... School phone .....

University/College attending in Fall 2024 .....

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](mailto: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 the board of directors of Lethbridge & District Pro-Life are not eligible.

**THE ELSIE ALEXANDER PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIP**  
**(Sponsored by the Lethbridge and District Pro-Life Association)**

The Elsie Alexander Pro-Life Scholarship was instituted in 1997 by the Lethbridge and District Pro-Life Association in recognition of the leadership and many years of dedicated service of Elsie Alexander 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, 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 arranged with the student or 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 at a school assembly or at the office.

**The Scholarship Contest Rules**

1. **Essay (75%)**

**TOPIC: Persuasive Pro-life Argument-** Please use the following 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.**

The essay must be the original and unaided work of the student and must be 1400-1500 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).

## **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 student in his/her graduating year at a high school, living 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), and must be in **full-time attendance** at a post-secondary institution in the fall.

## **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** and **June 3, 2024**, and the winner will be announced and presented to at their school assembly or another 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 [lproulife@shaw.ca](mailto:lproulife@shaw.ca).