

Scholarship Evaluation Rubric

1. Essay - 75%		
Category	Weight	Criteria
Response to the Question & Strength of Proposal	20%	Clearly answers the question, presents a strong thesis, and proposes a thoughtful response to MAID and mental illness.
Pro-Life Perspective & Value of Human Life	15%	Explains the inherent dignity and value of every human life from conception until natural death and applies this principle to the issue.
MAID, Mental Illness & Vulnerability	10%	Thoughtfully examines MAID for mental illness and society's responsibility to protect vulnerable people.
Personal Autonomy & Irreversibility of Death	5%	Examines the limits of personal autonomy when a decision intentionally and irreversibly ends human life.
Vulnerability, Support & Shared Responsibility	5%	Evaluates whether expanded MAID may unintentionally affect people vulnerable because of disability, poverty, inadequate mental-health care, isolation, or insufficient supports, and examines the responsibilities of physicians, governments, families, and communities.
Compassion & Response to Suffering	5%	Considers whether compassion means providing death or offering treatment, hope, protection, support, and care.
Opposing Viewpoints	5%	Fairly considers and thoughtfully responds to opposing arguments.
Research & Documentation	5%	Uses accurate, credible evidence and appropriately cites sources using APA, MLA, or Turabian/Chicago style.
Organization, Writing & Requirements	5%	Shows clarity, sensitivity, logical flow, and strong writing; meets the 1,400-1,500 word, double-spaced, title-page, originality, and no-AI requirements.
2. Self-Profile - 15%		
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Pro-Life & Volunteer Involvement	12%	Describes meaningful interest and involvement in pro-life activities and other volunteer or community activities.
Personal Reflection & Motivation	3%	Demonstrates personal commitment, motivation, initiative, and an understanding of service to others.
3. Letter of Reference - 10%		
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Reference Letter	10%	Confirms the applicant's pro-life involvement and provides evidence of character, commitment, reliability, service, and positive impact.
TOTAL		100%