



Educating the Next Generation with the Truth About Life

LifeWorks Ohio

2025 “Respect Life” Art, Essay & Poetry Contest

**GRADES 7-8 POSTMARK DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 2025**

Cash Prizes: 1st Place-\$60 2nd Place-\$35 3rd Place-\$25
Honorable Mention-\$15

There may be multiple winners in each “place.”

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY.

QUESTIONS: 216-661-6616

*** PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR ENTRY,
OR SAVE IT ON YOUR COMPUTER. ***

**ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR PLAGIARISM
(COPYING FROM ANY SOURCE).**

These details MUST be included on the BACK OF ARTWORK

and on the FRONT OF ESSAY OR POEM:

Student name & grade School name & address

Teacher’s and Principal’s names and e-mails

Home School parent’s name, phone, and e-mail

Essay: Word Count Poetry: Line Count

**Mail entries to: LifeWorks Ohio 4429 State Road, Suite 23
Cleveland, OH 44109**

All entries become the property of LifeWorks Ohio and may be used in promotional materials, on the website, etc. Contest judging criteria and results are confidential.



ART ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GRADES 7 – 8

HAND-DRAWN ART SIZE: 8.5 x 11, landscape orientation

MUST be original; no tracing.

Dark or vivid colors are preferred, since images done in pastel colors might not be seen clearly.

DIGITAL ART SIZE: 8.5 x 11, landscape orientation

Must be original work, with no copyright.

Students may use public domain/free sites.

ONLY THIS BIBLE VERSE AND CITATION MUST APPEAR WITHIN THE ARTWORK; SINCE IT PROVIDES THE THEME:

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; for with such sacrifices, God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:16

Students MUST depict PEOPLE

**“...doing good and sharing what they have...”
with one or more of these:**

- * Expectant mother and preborn child**
- * Parents who are adopting a child**
- * People who are physically or mentally challenged**
- * People who are terminally ill**

**13 winning artwork entries will be featured in the
2026 LifeWorks Ohio calendar.**



ESSAY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS GRADES 7—8

THIS BIBLE VERSE AND CITATION MUST APPEAR AS THE TITLE OF THE ESSAY. WITHIN THE ESSAY, YOU MAY USE THIS VERSE TO MAINTAIN THE THEME:

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; for with such sacrifices, God is pleased.”

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500—550 words

STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE TO DISCUSS ONE OR MORE OF THESE TOPICS AND WHETHER THEY SUPPORT THE DIGNITY AND SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE:

**EMBRYONIC vs ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH
ABORTION EUTHANASIA DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE**

STUDENT ESSAYS MAY INCLUDE ANY OF THESE DETAILS:

- * **Scientific or medical facts or statistics:**
(Please indicate the source of these in parentheses)
- * **How these issues affect society and individual lives:**
Students may mention actual people (not fictional) who have dealt with these issues.
- * **How Christians could “...DO GOOD AND SHARE...” with people who are struggling with these issues.**
- * **Which faith-based agencies or other organizations could provide advice or assistance.**



POETRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GRADES 7-8

THIS BIBLE VERSE AND CITATION MUST APPEAR AS
THE TITLE OF THE POEM. WITHIN THE POEM, YOU
MAY USE THIS VERSE TO MAINTAIN THE THEME:

**“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you
have; for with such sacrifices, God is pleased.”**

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14-16 lines; students may choose their poetry style.

**STUDENTS MUST WRITE ABOUT ONE OR MORE OF
THESE TOPICS:**

**HUMAN DIGNITY & THE MIRACLE OF HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT IN THE WOMB**

**AN UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY AND CHOOSING LIFE,
RATHER THAN ABORTION**

**SUPPORT FOR THE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY
CHALLENGED, RATHER THAN EUTHANASIA**

**SUPPORT FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL, RATHER THAN
DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE**

**Students may mention actual people (not fictional)
who have dealt with these issues.**

Please be positive and life-affirming!