



Educating the Next Generation with the Truth About Life

LifeWorks Ohio

2025 “Respect Life”

Art, Essay & Poetry Contest

**GRADES 7 - 8 POSTMARK DEADLINE
HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO:**

Saturday, March 1, 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

**These details must be included on the BACK of the ART WORK
and on the FRONT of the 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

If hand-delivering entries, please phone 216-661-6616 in advance.

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.”**

Hebrews 13:16

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!