

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: When are the local and state contests?**

- A: 1. Affiliates set their local date. Affiliates should submit the local contest sponsorship form by Friday, January 18. Local contests are usually held in late February or March. All local contests should be finished before the Friday, April 5th due date for submitting local results.  
2. The state contest will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in Holt, Michigan.

### **Q: When and where is the national contest?**

- A: The national contest will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2019 during the National Right to Life Convention in Charleston, SC.

### **Q: What are the prizes?**

- A: 1. Local prizes are left to the discretion of affiliates, though suggested prizes are \$100, \$50 and \$25 for the top three winners. In addition to cash prizes, groups might offer framed certificates, roses, precious feet pins, t-shirts, tickets to affiliate events and other items to all contestants.  
2. State prizes include a small gift for all participants, monetary awards of \$500, \$300 and \$200 and medals for the top three winners, and an expenses-paid trip to the national contest for our national contest entrant and a parent/guardian.  
3. National prizes are \$1,000, \$750, \$500 and \$250 for the top four winners. In addition, the first place winner will receive tickets to the National Right to Life Convention banquet the night of the contest and will be asked to give his/her speech at the banquet.

### **Q: Where can students obtain resource materials for their chosen topics?**

- A: Newspapers, libraries and the Internet are great sources of information. Right to Life of Michigan's website [www.RTL.org](http://www.RTL.org) is an excellent resource. Right to Life of Michigan Educational Resource Centers also have resources available. Ambitious students might also contact staff at local crisis pregnancy centers or hospices for an inside perspective on life issues. Contestants should avoid using research that would not be acceptable in a paper assigned for a class (e.g. Wikipedia).

### **Q: What if our local contest winner can't attend the state contest?**

- A: The runner-up in the local contest may compete in the state contest should the winner be unable to attend. The deadline for local contest coordinators to notify the state oratory coordinator of the runner-up's substitution and to submit the runner-up's speech is Monday, April 15.

### **Q: Can last year's contest winner participate in next year's contest?**

- A: Local and state contest winners are not excluded from participating. Students winning first place in the national contest as juniors are not allowed to compete again nationally their senior year, but are welcome to participate in the state contest.

### **Q: Why are freshman and sophomores not allowed to compete nationally?**

- A: National Right to Life sets the rules for the national contest and has decided against allowing them to participate.