



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

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 2025.....

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 (lethprolife@gmail.com) 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 15, 2025

Children of staff or the board of directors of Lethbridge & District Pro-Life are not eligible.

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(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 (May 31, 2025)**. If there is a problem with that date, arrangements can be made to present the award to the student at a school assembly or another location.

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: Human stem cells are used in many areas of biomedical research to develop treatments for injury and disease. Research the different types and sources of stem cells and their medical applications. Then prepare a thoughtful and well-organized paper responding to the following questions:

What ethical limitations must scientists consider while exploring the exciting field of stem cell research? How can we as a society support the development of life-saving technologies using stem cells while respecting and protecting human life at every stage of development?

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 reference letters 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 or homeschooled
- a Canadian Citizen
- An Alberta resident for at least 12 consecutive months prior to application
- Must live 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)
- 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 15, 2025** and **May 28, 2025**, 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 lethprolife@gmail.com.