

# ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



## Legacy of Life Scholarship

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- Prizes:** \$3,000 First Place Scholarship  
\$1,000 Second and Third Place Scholarships
- Deadline:** Midnight on Tuesday, March 14, 2006
- Theme:** “Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade Someone to Give the Gift of a Lifetime”: Write a 1,000 word persuasive argument the topic, fiction or non fiction, with sources cited.
- Sponsor:** Washington Regional Transplant Consortium (WRTC), the D.C. metropolitan area’s organ recovery agency and its Donor Family Council. WRTC is dedicated to educating people from all walks of life in our community about the benefits of organ and tissue donation.
- Rules:** Participants must follow all competition rules. See attached.
- Winners:** Three will be selected from each jurisdiction: the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland. The first place winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship. The second and third place winners will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.
- When:** Winners will be notified on or about May 1, 2006.



# Legacy of Life Scholarship Rules:

1. Entrant must be a senior who both legally resides in AND attends high school in one of the following locations: Virginia (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, and Fauquier counties and cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas, and Manassas Park); Maryland (Montgomery, Prince George's, and Charles counties); and the District of Columbia and intending to enter a college or university following high school. Whether an essay is judged in the Virginia, Maryland or D.C. group will be determined by the residential address of the entrant. All other entries will be disqualified. The following are ineligible to participate: family members and employees of the seven transplant programs in the Washington, D.C. area and WRTC as well as family members of volunteers who serve on the WRTC Board of Directors and any of the WRTC committees or councils.
2. Submission must be no more than 1,000 words on the theme **“Organ & Tissue Donation: Persuade Someone to Give the Gift of a Lifetime.”** It MUST be a persuasive argument about organ and tissue donation, and it may be fiction or non-fiction. It MUST be written and saved in either Microsoft Word or rich text format. It may not be included in the body of an e-mail, but must be sent as an attachment.
3. Essay must have a list of citations at the end (not included in word count), including all primary and secondary materials (including but not limited to newspapers, books, interviews, web sites).
4. The Entry Form must be completed (not included in word count) and submitted with the Essay as a separate attachment. Incomplete Forms will mean that an Essay will not be entered in the competition.
5. Each entrant may submit only one essay. The essay must be the sole effort of the writer. It must be original, and must not infringe upon any material protected by copyright.
6. The criteria for judging the essays are: originality, persuasiveness of the argument, proper grammar and spelling, adherence to the competition topic, and up-to-date citations.
7. Entries must be received via e-mail, by midnight on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Date and time when the email was sent (not received) will govern eligibility. Only e-mailed submissions will be accepted. The essay and entry form should be attached separately in the e-mail, addressed to [scholarship@wrtc.org](mailto:scholarship@wrtc.org) and have “Legacy of Life Scholarship” in the subject line.
8. One first place scholarship of \$3,000 and two honorary scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded for the three prize-winning submissions from each state and in D.C. Winners will be selected on or about **May 1, 2006**, and will be notified before graduation. The judges' decisions are final.
9. The scholarship will be paid directly to the university or college that the winner attends and must be used to pay for tuition, fees, books and other course materials. The scholarship will be forfeited if the winner does not enroll in and attend college or university within two years after his or her selection.
10. All essays and all rights to their publication become the property of WRTC which may use, edit, and excerpt these entries for promotional or any other purpose, including placing them on the web (e.g., on [www.beadonor.org](http://www.beadonor.org)) without attribution or compensation, additional or otherwise.

## Additional information:

The essays will be judged by an advisory panel consisting of judges selected by the WRTC from Donor Family Council members, volunteers and staff members. There will be a separate panel for each state. To ensure fairness, names and institutional affiliations of applicants will be omitted from contest entries in advance of their review. Please omit identifying information from your essay.

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