



Video Contest Rules

1. SCOPE:

The contest video must affirm life in a creative way. Video must be between thirty seconds and three minutes in length.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

The contest is open to any student or amateur filmmaker ages 15 through 23 residing in Texas.

3. SUBMISSION PERIOD:

September 1, 2023, through March 22, 2024.

4. SUBMISSION:

Register and submit video by March 22, 2024, at lifefirst.org/video-contest/.

Submissions must adhere to the Creative Assignment, Technical Requirements and Additional Requirements, and all LifeFirst Video Contest Rules outlined below.

Submissions that do not include all required information and adhere to the Contest Rules as determined by “Sponsor” (LifeFirst) in its sole discretion will be considered void. Once uploaded, Submissions will not be returned. Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, remove, delete and/or disqualify any Submission and/or Entrant (as defined in “Additional Requirements”.)

Each individual Entrant is allowed one (1) submission per Submission Period.

5. AWARDS:

1st place winner - \$1,000

2nd place winner - \$500

3rd place winner - \$250

Winners may compete in the LifeFirst Video Contest in subsequent years but may only win FIRST Place two times. Participants can be awarded a prize no more than a total of three years.

6. CREATIVE ASSIGNMENT:

Videos must focus exclusively on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, embryonic stem cell research or denial of medical care to the handicapped or infirm to promote respect for all human life. Submissions that do not adhere to this requirement may be disqualified.

Participants are encouraged to make their video creative and entertaining.

Your video should be focused on speaking to people who are not pro-life. Please be mindful of your word choice. We want to communicate the truth that abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and embryonic stem cell research are unequivocally wrong and take innocent lives, but we want to do so in a manner that will build bridges of communication. For example, using terms such as “baby killers” can often erect barriers rather than facilitate discussion and change. Please strive to communicate the truth but with grace and love.

Each video Submission must not contain any copyrighted works (other than as owned by the Entrant). Any music included in the Submission must be entirely original, created and performed by Entrant, or be in the public domain and not require any additional clearances for Sponsor to use or post on public websites or to use in public forums (including on national television) of any kind. Use of any unauthorized music may result in disqualification of Submission, in Sponsor’s sole discretion.

There are a number of websites in the public domain which provide copyright-free music and images. Please access those sites as needed and use with discretion.

7. JUDGING CRITERIA:

A panel of judges will review and judge Submissions according to the following criteria:

- Creativity 25%
- Uniqueness 25%
- Adherence to Contest Rules 25%
- Overall Appeal 25%

8. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Video files must be uploaded to either Vimeo or YouTube platforms and the URL submitted when registering for the contest.

For all video submissions shot in 16:9 aspect ratio, they should be center cut protected. Finalists may be asked to provide the original audio and video files used during production of the entry for broadcast purposes. This may include uncompressed QuickTime files, final audio mix and/or separate audio tracks for dialogue, music, and effects. These items are not mandatory to become a Finalist (as defined below).

9. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must have received permission for the use of the image/likeness of any and all identifiable persons appearing in their video. A generic release form may be used to confirm permissions from persons appearing in the video; however, if selected as a Finalist in the Contest, participants will be required to obtain a release provided by Sponsor signed by each identifiable person appearing in the submitted video granting Sponsor permission to use his or her image/likeness for no additional consideration.

The person uploading the Submission/video will be deemed the entrant (“Entrant”). The Entrant is the one (1) person who owns the email address associated with the Submission. If any group elects to collaborate on a Submission, they are required to designate one (1) person as the agent of the group to enter the Contest, agree to these Contest Rules and accept any Award (as defined below) on behalf of the group. The Sponsor, Contest Administrators, or any of the Contest Entities are liable for any disputes between collaborators arising under or related to the Contest.

Each Submission must be the original work of the Entrant produced for this Contest; it may not have been entered in or won previous contests or awards (including previous contests held by Sponsor); it may not have been published previously in any medium; it must not infringe any party’s intellectual property or other rights; it must be suitable for display and publication on national television (e.g. may not be obscene or indecent, including but not limited to nudity or profanity); it must not contain obscene or pornographic material, it must not contain defamatory statements (including but not limited to words or symbols that are widely considered offensive to individuals of a certain race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic group), it must not include threats to any person, place, business, group or world peace, it must not invade privacy or other rights of any person, firm or entity, and it must not in any other way violate applicable laws and regulations or network standards.

Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to remove or blur or to ask the applicable Entrant to remove or blur any non-material elements (e.g., small logos on clothing, artwork hanging in the background, etc.) rather than disqualify an otherwise compliant Submission. If in Sponsor’s sole determination it is necessary or advisable to make minor, non-material adjustments to an otherwise compliant Submission to comply with network requirements, it may elect to do so, or may ask the applicable

Entrant to do so. If Sponsor requests Entrant to make these adjustments and Entrant chooses not to make these adjustments, Submission is subject to disqualification.

All Submissions will be reviewed for content before being published or judged; however, such review does not relieve Entrant from responsibility for compliance with these Contest Rules. Submissions that do not comply in all material respects with these Contest Rules or that otherwise contain prohibited, copyrighted, or inappropriate content as determined by the Sponsor, in its sole discretion, will be disqualified and will not be published or considered for Awards. Sponsor makes the final determination as to which Submissions are eligible to take part in this Contest and to be considered for an Award. Certain Submissions may be featured from time to time during or after the Contest Period on the Sponsor's website, social media pages and channels, in Sponsor's sole discretion; being selected as a featured Submission is unrelated to the Judging Criteria and does not guarantee selection as a Finalist in the Contest.

By entering this Contest and uploading a Submission, Entrant irrevocably grants to Sponsor and their agents the unconditional and perpetual right to post, display, publish, use, adapt, edit and/or modify such Submission in any way, in any and all media, for any purpose, without limitation, and without consideration to Entrant. Finalists agree to irrevocably assign and transfer to the Sponsor any and all rights, title, and interest in Submission, including, without limitation, all copyrights and waive all moral rights in Submission. All Contest Entrants further agree to release and indemnify and hold harmless the Sponsor, the Contest Administrators, and the Contest Entities from any and all claims that any commercial, advertising, presentation, web content or any other material subsequently produced, presented, and/or prepared by or on behalf of Sponsor infringe on the rights of Entrant's work as contained in any Submission.

10. SELECTION OF WINNERS:

Entrants agree that the Sponsor has the sole right to decide all matters and disputes arising from this Contest and that all decisions of Sponsor are final and binding. Finalists, by acceptance of a Finalist Award, agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Sponsor, Contest Administrators, and Contest Entities, as well as each of their respective parent and affiliated companies, and each of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, contractors, advertisers, and sponsor from any and all liability, loss, damage, cost, or claim related to any allegation regarding the acceptance or use of any Award, including but not limited to the airing of the Submission.

If the actual, alleged, or publicized conduct of any Entrant is illegal or, if any Entrant has been charged with or convicted of a crime, or in Sponsor's sole discretion is otherwise grossly offensive or violates generally accepted standards of behavior (including, but not limited to, illicit drug use or public intoxication) or otherwise leads the Sponsor to believe or conclude that the public association with the Entrant subjects

Sponsor to ridicule, contempt, controversy, embarrassment, or scandal, Sponsor, in its sole discretion, may disqualify Entrant and their Submission will no longer be eligible for this Contest.

11. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

All Entrants must have a valid email address. If for any reason the Contest is not capable of running as planned, including without limitation, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Contest, Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion to cancel, modify, or terminate the Contest. Further, Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual deemed to be (a) tampering or attempting to tamper with the entry and/or voting processes or the operation of the Sponsor Website, the Contest or any Sponsor or Contest-related website; (b) violating the Contest Rules; (c) violating the Website terms of service, conditions of use and/or applicable general rules or guidelines; or (d) acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.

12. WINNER NOTIFICATION:

Contest winners (or Contest Winner's parent/legal guardian if Entrant is a minor) will be notified by phone and/or email.

Winners consent to the use of his/her name, photograph, likeness, biography, voice and/or video for advertising and promotional purposes, including online announcements, without additional compensation, except where prohibited by law.

Any waiver of any obligation hereunder by Sponsor does not constitute a general waiver of any obligation to Entrants. By accepting an Award, Winners (or Winner's parent or legal guardian if Winner is a minor) agrees, and agrees in writing if requested, that the Submission will be deemed a Work Made For Hire under the Copyright laws of the United States, but if it cannot be so deemed, then the Winner agrees to irrevocably assign and transfer to Sponsor all of his/her right, title and interest in and to his/her Submission, if any, including all but not limited to all copyright and trademark rights which he or she may have, in the United States and worldwide, therein, for consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged. Winners hereby waive in favor of Sponsor, all rights of "Droit Moral" or "Moral Rights of Authors" or any similar rights or principles of law that Winner may now or later have to his/her Submission. Sponsor reserves the right to alter, change or modify a winning Submission, in its sole discretion.

Upon request of Sponsor, Winner shall execute and deliver such additional instrument of assignment, as may be solely deemed by Sponsor, reasonably necessary to establish

the ownership of record of the right, title and interest in and to the Submission and of the copyrights transferred and “Moral Rights of Authors” waived under these Official Rules. Should Sponsor fail to request the said assignment as stated, that shall not be deemed a waiver of Sponsor’s rights and Sponsor may at a later time request the assignment.

13. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE:

No liability or responsibility is assumed by the Sponsor, the Contest Administrators or Contest Entities resulting from any user’s participation in or attempt to participate in the Contest or ability or inability to upload or download any information in connection with participating in the Contest. No responsibility or liability is assumed by the Sponsor, the Contest Administrators or Contest Entities for technical problems or technical malfunction arising in connection with any of the following occurrences which may affect the operation of the Contest: hardware or software errors; faulty computer, telephone, cable, satellite, network, electronic, wireless or Internet connectivity or other online communication problems; errors or limitations of any Internet service providers, servers, hosts or providers; garbled, jumbled or faulty data transmissions; failure of any e-mail transmissions to be sent or received; lost, late, delayed or intercepted e-mail transmissions; inaccessibility of the LifeFirst Website in whole or in part for any reason; traffic congestion on the Internet or the Website; unauthorized human or non-human intervention of the operation of the Contest, including without limitation, unauthorized tampering, hacking, theft, virus, bugs, worms; or destruction of any aspect of the Contest, or loss, miscount, misdirection, inaccessibility or unavailability of an email account used in connection with the Contest. The Sponsor, the Contest Administrators and Contest Entities are not responsible for any typographical errors in the announcement of Awards or these Contest Rules, or any inaccurate or incorrect data contained on the Website. Use of the Website is at user’s own risk. The Sponsor, the Contest Administrators and Contest Entities are not responsible for any personal injury or property damage or losses of any kind which may be sustained to user’s or any other person’s computer equipment resulting from participation in the Contest, use of the Website or the download of any information from the Website. By participating in the Contest, the Entrant releases Sponsor, Contest Administrators and the Contest Entities from any and all claims, damages or liabilities arising from or relating to such Entrant’s participation in the Contest. By accepting an Award in the Contest, winners agree that the Sponsor, the Contest Administrators and Contest Entities shall not be liable for any loss or injury resulting from participation in the Contest, acceptance or use of any award, prize, or any travel related thereto. Sponsor, Contest Administrators, and the Contest Entities are not liable in the event that any portion of the Contest is cancelled due to weather, fire, strike, acts of war or terrorism, or any other condition beyond their control (a “Force Majeure Event”).

14. FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please email any questions to videocontest@lifefirst.org.