

FATHER TED COLLETON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2023-2024

(Please print or type all information)

Student's Name (last): _____
(first): _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____
Phone #: _____
E-mail: _____
School (name) : _____
Grade: _____
School Address: _____
City: _____
Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____
School Phone #: _____
School E-mail: _____
Name of School Principal: _____
Name of reference writer: _____
Email of reference writer: _____
Applicant's signature: _____
Date: _____



Helpful hints for the essay writing component are posted on theinterim.ca. One can also find samples of previous winning essays on a variety of topics.

Good luck! Bon Chance!

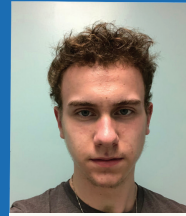
2023 WINNERS



1ST PRIZE
Anna Koh
Delta, B.C.



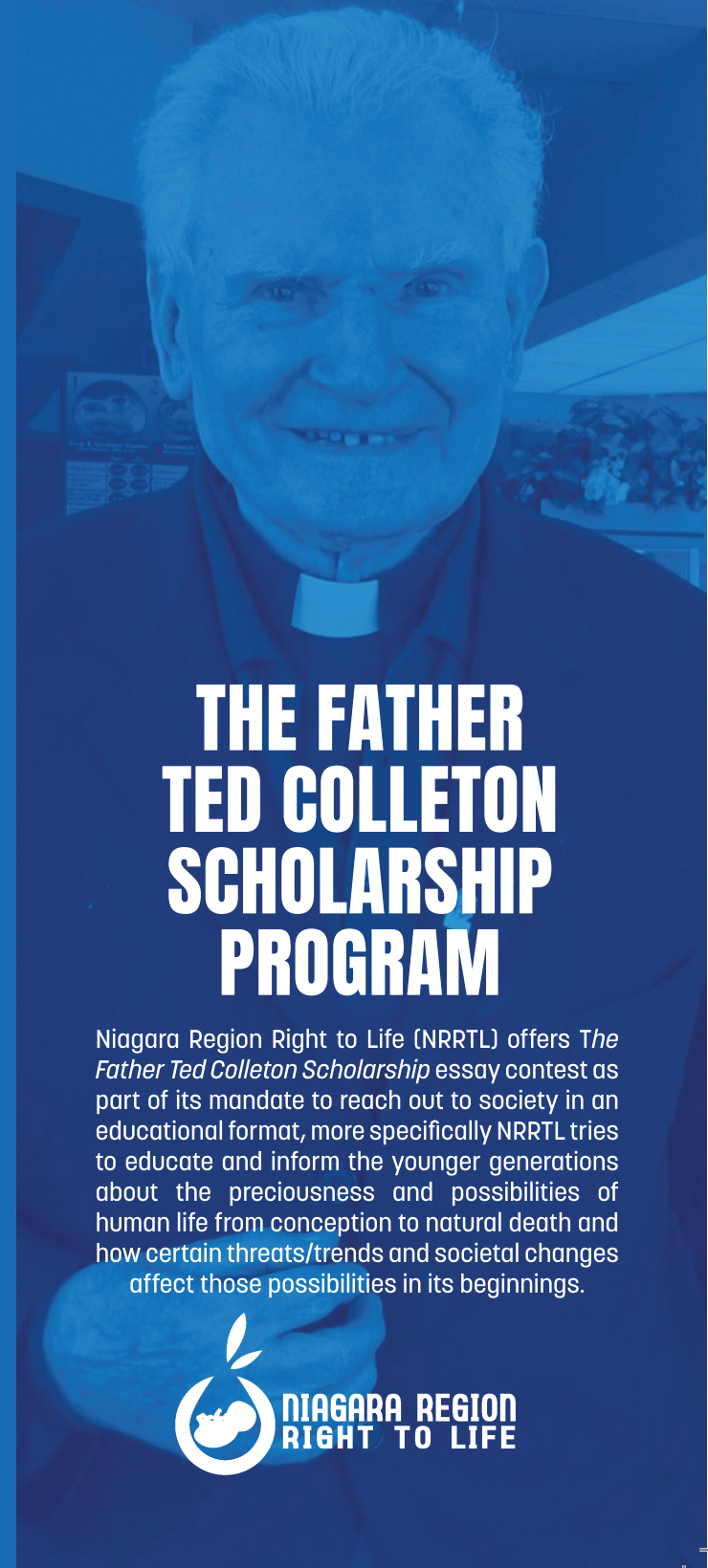
2ND PRIZE
Yara Bashoory
Mississauga, ON



3RD PRIZE
James Edwards
Pembroke, ON

For 22 years, Niagara Region Right to Life has been sponsoring the Father Ted Colleton Scholarship program. The prizes are awarded following an evaluation process conducted by a committee that assesses the essay-writing component. Other considerations include letter of reference, one's personal resumé, and degree of knowledge about and commitment to pro-life principles and values.

Father Ted had some favourite quotations and one of them was from Edmund Burke: *All evil needs to flourish is that good men do nothing.* Father Ted believed that young people could make a difference. He challenged them to think, pray and act, do something positive to respect human life and uphold human dignity.



THE FATHER TED COLLETON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Niagara Region Right to Life (NRRTL) offers *The Father Ted Colleton Scholarship* essay contest as part of its mandate to reach out to society in an educational format, more specifically NRRTL tries to educate and inform the younger generations about the preciousness and possibilities of human life from conception to natural death and how certain threats/trends and societal changes affect those possibilities in its beginnings.



FATHER TED COLLETON: AN INTRODUCTION

(for a fuller biographical summary go to theinterim.ca, search for articles written by him and about him.)

Father Edward (Ted) Colleton (b. 1913- d. 2011) promoted pro-life principles and values for almost seven decades.

Born in Dublin, he entered the Spiritan Order in 1932, was ordained a priest in 1940 and was assigned to serve in Kenya. Forced to leave that mission field in 1971, he was reassigned to Canada. Stationed in Toronto, he was shaken by the momentous social changes taking place and impacting the institutions of marriage and family. He joined the pro-life movement and set about educating the public, about the tragedy of abortion.

For more than 35 years Father Ted was a compelling writer and speaker, gentle teacher, committed activist, and raconteur par excellence, communicating his pro-life principles to hundreds of thousands of people. He was arrested and briefly jailed for his peaceful witnessing against the evil of abortion laws, and after 1988, the lack thereof.

Father Ted believed that prayer was the most important action of human beings in winning the right to life for unborn generations of Canadians present and to come.

This scholarship program is intended to honour his remarkable life work and the pro-life principles which he treasured and shared far and wide.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

As many as three prizes are offered: \$2000 first prize, \$1500 second prize and \$1000 third prize. A writing contest organized by Niagara Region Right to Life is a determining factor in the awarding of the scholarship prizes.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES MUST:

- Be high school students (grades 10, 11 or 12) attending a high school (or be homeschooled) in Canada
- Submit one letter of reference from a school staff member or community representative (pastor, employer, coach, etc.)
- Provide a brief personal resumé outlining their participation in school life (clubs, sports, leadership, academic achievements, etc) and community activities, including any past or present interest/involvement in the pro-life cause. Please note: Lack of prior involvement in the pro-life movement does not disqualify the students from the scholarships.

Candidates are required to submit a personal profile/resumé. The student must submit a typed original essay, approximately 1,200 words in length. The essay plus other documents must all be submitted by email only in *word document format*, to dirocco@theinterim.com, no later than midnight of **Friday, October 6, 2023**.

The essay theme or topic for this year's program is the following:

The best lack all convictions, while the worst are full of passionate intensity. W.B. Yeats, The Second Coming, 1920. Yeats was presenting a dark, apocalyptic vision of the world just after World War I. Discuss whether or how that terrifying imagery may apply to the present state of civilization, considering the abortion issue, the seeming collapse of related traditional values and an increasing confusion about the sacredness and dignity of human life.

PROGRAM: RULES AND REGULATIONS

A committee selected by Niagara Region Right to Life supervises the program. **Note:** No applications will be processed or considered if all requested materials/documents have not been received by the end of the day on **October 6** and in the *required word document format*. This is intended to avoid unnecessary communication back and forth because scanned documents sent in pdf often cannot be opened by the recipient. Avoid sending documents in google drive.

Copyrights to any essay submitted for the purpose of the contest will be retained by Niagara Region Right to Life. Any publication or other use of the work would be acknowledged by naming its author. Please note that prize winners are asked to provide a photo of themselves so it may accompany the publication of their essay.

Students related to employees of Niagara Region Right to Life are ineligible, as are previous prize winners in this scholarship program.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING ENTRY

The winners will be declared by **Friday, December 1, 2023** via an announcement by Niagara Region RTL. Criteria for the selection of winners include the quality of essays submitted.

Check off the following to make certain you have included all the necessary documentation.

- a) One letter of reference from a teacher or community representative
- b) Type-written essay (1,200 words)
- c) Brief personal resumé (Involvement in your school, community and/or church)

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