

Legacy of Life Scholarship Rules for BOTH Essays and Videos

1. All essay and video entrants must be current high school seniors who (1) both reside and attend high school, or are home-schooled, in one of the following locations: The state of Maryland; Northern Virginia (specifically the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Clarke, Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George, and Fauquier as well as the independent cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park); and the District of Columbia; and (2) plan to attend a college, university or community college in the 2026 Fall semester. You are not eligible for the scholarship if you reside and attend high school (or are homeschooled) outside the aforementioned states, counties and cities.
2. The following are ineligible to participate in the scholarship program: family members and employees of Infinite Legacy and family members of those who serve on the Infinite Legacy Governing Board of Trustees and any of the Infinite Legacy committees or councils. To ensure fairness, names and institutional affiliations of applicants will be omitted from contest entries in advance of their review. Please omit personally identifiable information about yourself from the body of your essay or video. NOTE FOR VIDEO SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANTS: You may appear in your video; however, please omit your name from the video itself.
3. **The entry form must be complete and included in your submission as a separate attachment. Incomplete or missing forms will cause you to be disqualified.**
4. You must write an essay and/or produce a video that will convince your audience to register to be organ, eye and tissue donors.
5. All scholarship winners will be required to attend a Donation 101 training and participate in at least one approved donor registration event in the community following COVID-19 guidelines. Winners will receive the dates of the training and registration events immediately following the announcement of the winners. This requirement must be met before scholarships are paid. Reasonable accommodations (as determined by Infinite Legacy) will be made to ensure this requirement may be met by each winner.
6. Subject to section 10 below, one first-place scholarship of \$5,000, one second-place scholarship of \$3,000 and three honorary scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded for each of the essay and the video category. Winners will be contacted directly by June 1, 2026 - **only winners will be notified**. Only after all winners are notified will the essays and videos be posted on infinitelegacy.org/get-involved/community-outreach/legacy-of-life-scholarship/.
7. The scholarship must be paid directly to the university or college that the winner attends by December 31, 2026. The money awarded will be paid in one lump sum, and must be used to pay for tuition, books, and other fees billed directly by the institution. The scholarship will be forfeited if the winner does not claim the scholarship by December 31, 2026, or if the student is not enrolled in and attending a college or university in the 2026 Fall semester. **Funds cannot be paid after December 31, 2026.** Instructions for payment directly to the institution will be sent after the winners are announced.
8. An individual student may apply for one or both categories (essay and/or video) of scholarship per year; only one entry per student per category will be allowed.
9. All essays and videos, and all rights to their publication, become the property of Infinite Legacy, which may use, edit, and excerpt these entries for promotional or any other purpose, including use on any Infinite Legacy digital media without attribution or compensation.
10. Infinite Legacy and its panel of judges reserve the right to award all scholarships (10 total), fewer (less than 10), or none based on the number of qualified applicants and their eligibility, suitability and quality. Any essay or video entry deemed inappropriate, unsuitable, or otherwise ineligible may be disqualified at Infinite Legacy's sole discretion. The decisions of Infinite Legacy and the judges are final.
11. Infinite Legacy reserves the right to deny payment of the scholarship if any of the above rules and criteria are not met. The scholarship is paid only at the sole discretion of Infinite Legacy.

Privacy Policy: All submissions and each entrant's information may be used and disclosed in accordance with Infinite Legacy's Privacy Policy, which is available at www.infinitelegacy.org/privacy-policy. Scholarship recipients should note that their name, hometown, high school and the college/institution they plan to attend; their prize amount; and their winning essay or video will be displayed on Infinite Legacy's website and may also be used in other promotional materials (e.g., Infinite Legacy newsletters, media materials, and on Infinite Legacy's social media channels). Any photos or videos submitted by the students or taken during the official in-person presentation of the scholarship may also be included in Infinite Legacy promotional materials.

| <u>RULES PERTAINING TO ESSAY ONLY</u> | <u>RULES PERTAINING TO VIDEO ONLY</u> |
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| Essay entries must be no more than 1,000 words and written in English. | Video entries must be no longer than 90 seconds and any dialogue/script must be in English. |
| Each entrant may submit only one essay, and the essay must be the sole and original effort of the writer. It must not infringe upon any material protected by copyright and must not include plagiarized material. These concepts are discussed on www.plagiarism.org . | Each entrant may submit only one video; it must be the sole, original effort of the applicant. While an applicant may involve others in the production of the video, each applicant may only submit one single, unique video for consideration, and no scholarship may be split between multiple parties. If two separate applicants submit the same video for consideration, both will be disqualified. No entry shall contain a performance that has been broadcast, streamed, published, or televised as part of a recording of a motion picture film or television program. It must not infringe upon any material protected by copyright. |
| The essay must be written and saved in Microsoft Word and may not be included in the body of an e-mail. The Microsoft Word document must be sent as an attachment. | All video entrants agree to have their video posted on the Infinite Legacy website, YouTube, Instagram and Facebook pages for viewing and voting (see below). |
| Essays must contain at least TWO citations, including primary and secondary materials (e.g. newspapers, books, interviews, websites). All citations must be listed at the end of the document and are not included in the word count. | Videos must contain at least TWO citations, including primary and secondary materials (e.g. newspapers, books, interviews, websites). All citations must be displayed at the end of the video, and they are not included in the video time allotment. |
| Both the entry form and the essay must be separately attached to a single email sent by Monday, April 13, 2026, before 11:59 p.m. to essayscholarship@infinitelegacy.org . The subject line of the email should state: "LEGACY OF LIFE ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP." The date and time when the email was sent (not received) will govern eligibility. Only e-mailed submissions will be accepted. | The entry form must be emailed to videoscholarship@infinitelegacy.org and video uploaded by Monday, April 13, 2026, before 11:59 p.m. The link to the video on YouTube must be included in the email with the entry form attached. The subject line of the email should state: "LEGACY OF LIFE VIDEO SCHOLARSHIP." The date and time when the email was sent (not received) will govern eligibility. Video finalists will be posted on Facebook and notified of the online voting period (see information on voting below). |
| Essays will be judged by an advisory panel selected by Infinite Legacy. Criteria will include originality, persuasiveness and passion of the argument, proper grammar and spelling, adherence to the competition topic, and citations of correct information. Judges' decisions are final. | Video finalists will be judged by a panel consisting of donation professionals selected by Infinite Legacy. 75% of the video's score will be derived from this judging panel. The criteria for judging the videos will include originality, persuasiveness and passion of the argument, video quality, adherence to the competition topic, and citations of correct information; the remaining 25% of the score will be derived by the number of individuals who Like* the video on Infinite Legacy's Facebook and Instagram pages. Once the video has been uploaded, you may encourage your friends and family to log on and Like your video. The more Likes your video receives, the more points you will earn toward 25% of the final score. <i>*Likes will include all reactions included within the Facebook and Instagram Like button. However, Facebook and Instagram comments do not count as Likes.</i> |