

FATHER TED COLLETON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2025-2026

(Please include all this personal information as to name address, telephone number, school attended, name of principal etc. as part of your personal resume or self-profile. This will avoid problem of scanning the document)

Student's Name (last): _____

(first): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Prov: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

School Attended (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.com/scholarship-program/. One can also find samples of previous winning essays on a variety of topics.

Good luck! Bonne Chance!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2024-2025



1ST PRIZE

**BLESSING
CONNOR**

Home schooled
Charlottetown, PEI



2ND PRIZE

**DANIKA
WONG**

Cardinal Carter
Academy for
the Arts,
Scarborough, ON



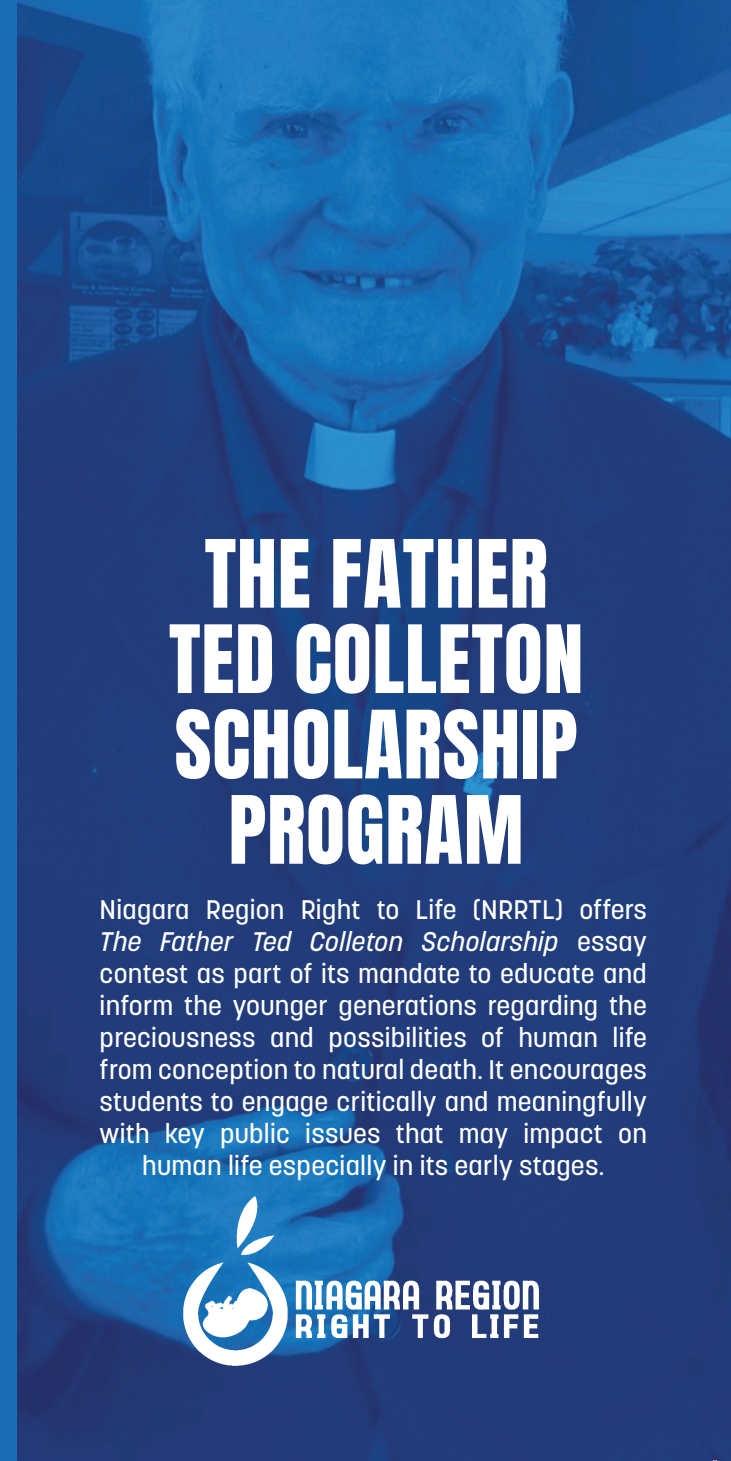
3RD PRIZE

**KAILEE
MATTHEY**

Holy Cross
Catholic High
School,
Kingston, ON

For 24 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 some knowledge of 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 educate and inform the younger generations regarding the preciousness and possibilities of human life from conception to natural death. It encourages students to engage critically and meaningfully with key public issues that may impact on human life especially in its early stages.



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) was born in Dublin, Ireland. 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 and stationed in Toronto where he was shaken by the social changes impacting the institutions of marriage and family. He joined the pro-life movement and devoted many years to educating the public about the nature and consequences of abortion.



For more than 35 years Father Ted was a compelling writer and speaker, gentle teacher, committed activist, and raconteur par excellence, communicating moral principles and values to hundreds of thousands of people. He believed that prayer was the most important action of human beings in winning the right to life for preborn generations of Canadians present and to come. This scholarship program is intended to honour his remarkable life work spanning almost seven decades.



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 entering grade 11 or 12 at a Canadian 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 such involvement does not disqualify the candidates from the scholarships.

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 dirocco401@yahoo.ca, no later than midnight of **Friday, October 17, 2025**. The theme of the essay reads as follows:

Contrary to popular belief, it appears that there is a demographic deficit developing on our earth, and in this regard Canada's own situation is precarious. Discuss the validity of the statement. If valid, what has caused this state of affairs? What corrective actions can be/should be taken to avoid the inevitable catastrophic consequences?

To help you get started in your research you are encouraged to consult a few articles that touch on some aspects of the theme. The articles appeared in The Interim newspaper and are posted for your use at niagararegionrighttolife.ca/projects/father-ted-colleton-scholarship-program and also at theinterim.com.

PROGRAM: RULES AND REGULATIONS

A committee selected by Niagara Region Right to Life supervises the program.

Note: Applications will NOT be processed or considered if all requested materials/documents have not been received by the end of the day on Friday, October 17, 2025 and in the required word document format. Scanned documents sent in pdf often cannot be opened by the recipient. Avoid sending *Word* documents in google drive that would require sender's permission to open.

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 or directors of Niagara Region Right to Life are ineligible, as are previous prize winners in this scholarship program.

The essay component is marked according to a set rubric. The mark sheet rubric may be found online at either of these two web sites niagararegionrighttolife.ca/projects/father-ted-colleton-scholarship-program or theinterim.com. Such a rubric gives the candidates ample information on how their essays are evaluated. Note in particular that there must be concrete evidence or back up, (proper documentation, i.e. footnotes or proper citations), even when offering an opinion. Please also note that all essays will be subjected to routine checks for plagiarism and AI generated material.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING ENTRY

The winners will be declared by **Friday, December 12, 2025** via an announcement by Niagara Region RTL. Criteria for the selection of winners include the quality of essays submitted.

For further information leave message for Dan Di Rocco at (905)294-4219 or email dirocco401@yahoo.ca or visit our website niagararegionrighttolife.ca or theinterim.com.