

# 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.

All grade 11 and 12 students attending a Canadian high school (or who are educated in Canada) are invited to participate in this scholarship.

Three prizes of \$2000, \$1500, and \$1000 will be awarded respectively. Applicants must submit a personal profile, a letter of recommendation, and a 1500-word essay on the topic described below:

***Artificial Intelligence (AI) has entered the daily lexicon of ordinary people. A cautionary reminder applies, because something is possible does not mean that it should be attempted. With respect to AI, all kinds of questions pop up and some are fundamental: (a) Is AI a force for good, freeing mankind from drudgery, suffering, and poverty, or is it a dangerous technological tool that undermines the innate dignity of human beings?(b) Is AI a means for redefining what is a human being as well as how human beings are reproduced and how they die (IVF, surrogacy, gene editing, embryo screening, designer babies, commercialization of fertility, extension or termination of human life)? Address these fundamental questions, with the emphasis definitely on question (b), and discuss the moral aspects of AI development and its many potential applications.***

**SUBMIT DOCUMENTS VIA EMAIL BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026.**

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