

Birthright of St. Joseph Auxiliary
The Brandi Mannino "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"
Essay Scholarship Contest

Grand Prize: \$1,000

THE ESSAY TOPIC:

Write about an individual who has made a difference in your life.

Emphasize how & why this influence has given you a greater appreciation of the value and importance of your own life.

*No last names should be used in the essay

CONTEST GUIDELINE CHECKLIST

- Essay is printed, 12 pt. Times New Roman, 500 words or less
- Format:
 - *Title:* center, 1st page
 - *Word count:* top left corner
 - *Last 4 digits of Social Security Number:* Top right corner of each page
- Enclose completed entry information (see below) sealed in a business envelope (to be opened after judging). Please put last 4 digits of Social Security Number on *outside* of envelope
- Essay & sealed entry form envelope mailed to:

Birthright of St. Joseph, Inc.; Auxiliary
2700 Niles Avenue
Saint Joseph, MI 49085

ENTRY MUST BE POSTMARKED BY ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17th

All entries become the property of Birthright of St. Joseph, Inc., Auxiliary

ENTRY FORM (Please *print* entry information)

<Detach this section & place in a sealed envelope to enclose with your essay>

Name _____ Phone # _____

Social Security # XXX-XX-____ High School _____

Home Address _____ Zip _____

Student Consent signature: _____

**St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary Scholarship
Parent's Consent for Minor Child
(any student under 18 years of age will need a parent's consent)**

In consideration for entering the St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary Scholarship, I give my consent and permission to –

- Specific permission to publish, copyright, distribute or display the child's writing or essay should such writing or essay be selected as a winning entry in the contest.
- To permit the use and display of said writing or essay in any publication, multimedia production, display, advertisement or other use by St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary.
- St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary is granted the exclusive right to publish or otherwise disseminate the writing or essay.
- All rights, title and interest in the writing or essay pass to St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary by submission of the work to this contest.
- My child's name will not be published in any manner without my prior written consent.
- My child's essay, or a portion thereof, may be placed in written material of St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary, published as a winning entry at the discretion of St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary, to promote this contest and the winner of the same.
- The essay, and all portions thereof, will become the sole property of St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary, once it has been submitted for consideration.

The undersigned releases and forever discharges St. Joseph Birthright Auxiliary and Birthright International, its agents, officers, volunteers and employees from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of said writing or essay, including but not limited to, any claims for invasion of privacy, libel or defamation.

The undersigned warrants that the essay and its contents are original from their child.

By signing this consent and release form, I, the undersigned, represent that I am the parent of the minor child whose name appears below who has submitted an essay for consideration in this contest and I have the authority to grant consent on my minor child's behalf,

Accepted and Agreed:

(Parent) _____ Date _____

(Minor
Entrant) _____ Date _____

Additional information concerning the Birthright of St. Joseph Auxiliary Scholarship

- This is a local scholarship
- The judging will take place the beginning of May
- A team of 4 judges will read all the essays and agree on one winner
- The winner is chosen using blind judging. i.e., the judges do not know the student or school the student attends until after the winner is chosen and the envelope containing their personal information is opened. This is why the directions must be followed. If the student identifies himself/herself in the essay or on the essay or they use a proper name identifying the person at the center of the essay, they will be disqualified
- I will personally contact the school guidance office with the name of the winner in mid-May, so the check and certificate can be awarded at your school's awards assembly. We hope to keep the winner's name under wraps until that time.
- If the student is under 18 years of age, we ask the parents to sign the consent.
- Feel free to make as many copies of the Entry Form and Parents' Consent as necessary
- Any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Please leave a message if I am unavailable, Kathy Drabik, 269-428-5165