



2017-2018 School Year

Grant Requirements

- Students will be given an opportunity to earn \$1,500 each to lead a right to life group on their campus.
- Grant program is open to registered Freshmen through Seniors for the Fall semester at any college or university in the state of Wisconsin.
- Recipients must have a strong willingness and dedication to advance the culture of life throughout their entire college career.
- Recipients should have some prior leadership experience and/or be willing to further develop their leadership skills.
- If a right-to-life organization is not yet established on campus, the recipient will be required to submit all necessary paperwork to the college or university to develop a student-led group, and find a faculty advisor.
- Grant money is paid directly to the recipient for the operations of the group. Recipients will receive three grant payments (equal in amount) in September, December and April. The first disbursement will be awarded at the completion of the Fall College Training Weekend. After that, distribution of grant money is dependent upon assignment completions and other right-to-life campus efforts accomplished during the previous semester.

- Wisconsin Right to Life will assist each recipient in organizing and implementing projects or events on his/her campus throughout the year in order to raise awareness of right-to-life issues.
- Recipients must commit to attend training that the Wisconsin Right to Life provides for them. (Summer Training, Fall College Training Weekend, Spring State Conference, and many others that are available to anyone interested.) The Fall Training and Spring State Conference are required for all grant recipients.
- Those interested in the grant may request an application by calling Doreen Shirek at 608-547-4331 or emailing her at dshirek@wrtl.org.

Benefits of Joining the Life on Campus Network

BENEFIT 1



You get to work hands-on as leaders in legislative grassroots activism, meeting with legislators and motivating your peers to speak out for life on the most important and lifesaving right-to-life legislation.

BENEFIT 2



Through our recommendations to the National Right to Life Academy, and our internships, you get the most promising career opportunities in the pro-life movement.

BENEFIT 3



By connecting with WRTL's Life on Campus, you join an expansive network of right-to-life activists on both a state and national level. You are never alone in your defense of the right-to-life!

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Guidelines

- 1) Applicants must be attending a Wisconsin College or University.
- 2) The relationship between Wisconsin Right to Life and your college group should be publicized in your events and fundraisers.
- 3) Recipients of the grant must organize projects or events on their campus throughout the year in order to raise awareness of right-to-life issues. (Please see Projects and Events for more details.)
- 4) In order to thoroughly prepare recipients to be on campus pro-life leaders, recipients of the grant are required to attend the following events throughout the given school year:
 - a. Fall College Training Weekend
 - b. Meetings throughout the school year with your College Coordinator as needed to help plan events or get specific training.
 - c. Wisconsin Right to Life's April State Conference.
 - d. From time to time other important events you may be asked to participate in such as testifying at public hearings for pro-life legislation, helping out at chapter events, or other activities.
 - e. Campus-appropriate election activities that support right-to-life issues.
 - f. At least one fundraiser to help your group. You may choose to give a portion of your earnings to a pregnancy resource center or to another pro-life cause.
- 5) Recipients will receive the first disbursement of \$500 upon completion of the Fall College Training Weekend. Further disbursements will be awarded upon successful review of brief progress reports at the completion of each semester.
- 6.) Grants are good for one full school year. You must re-apply to be considered for a grant for the following school year.



Projects and Events

The purpose of planning projects and events is to educate your student body, generate interest in right-to-life issues, and establish a strong right-to-life presence on campus. Below are just a few ways to achieve this purpose:

- Host a Voter Registration Drive and distribute information on right-to-life candidates.
- Host a debate on right-to-life issues such as abortion, euthanasia, or stem-cell research.
- Take part in *Roe v. Wade* memorial events such the March for Life (in Washington, D.C., at the State Capitol, or at local vigils).
- Put up a symbolic representation on campus of the number of abortions performed every day.
- Plan a Baby Supply Drive collecting items for mothers in need. Afterwards, have a baby shower to celebrate your hard work!
- Host a campus-wide movie night and discussion afterwards. Possible movie choices might include *Juno*, *October Baby*, *22 weeks*, *Gift of Life*, *Crescendo*, etc...
- Distribute fact sheets on right-to-life issues published by Wisconsin Right to Life and National Right to Life and the contact information of the nearest pregnancy resource center.
- Visit your on-campus health clinic and ensure that life-affirming information is available to students who are pregnant. (The local pregnancy resource center should be able to provide brochures and other helpful materials.)
- Have an information table on the campus mall with brochures regarding abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia, partial birth abortion, and Planned Parenthood. Have a sign-up sheet to recruit new members.

Though students are responsible for locating financial support for each project, every campus has funds available to student-led organizations. Students will learn how to locate these funds during the Fall College Training Weekend.