

*“In the eyes of the law...The slave is not a person.”*

Virginia Supreme Court decision, 1858

*“The statutory word ‘person’ did not in these circumstances include women.”*

British Voting Rights case, 1909

*“The Reichsgericht itself refused to recognize Jews... as ‘persons’ in the legal sense.”*

German Supreme Court decision, 1936

*“The law of Canada does not recognize the unborn child as a legal person possessing rights.”*

Canadian Supreme Court – Winnipeg Child and Family Services Case, 1997

**Personhood** has been used to both **defend** and **deny** the **rights of people** throughout history. Society has redefined the meaning of personhood yet **all human life** must be **respected** and **valued**.

So let's go back to the beginning  
and ask this question...

What is a  
**PERSON?**

Write a speech that answers  
this question

**AND YOU MAY WIN:**

**First Prize \$200**

**Second Prize \$150**

**Third Prize \$100**

#### **CONTEST RULES**

1. Contest is open to students in grades 9 through 12.
2. The speech must be your own original work, however sources may be cited or borrowed.
3. The speech must be 5 minutes maximum in length.
4. The speech must represent the theme of the contest:  
*What is a person?*
5. You must submit a written copy of the speech to the Toronto Right to Life office by April 30, 2012.

Students who effectively address the theme of the contest while supporting the pro-life view will have the honour of delivering their speech at a TRL “Sacredness of Life” event. Date, time and location will be announced on our website – [www.righttolife.to](http://www.righttolife.to).

**Please send or drop off your entry to:**

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**You must submit a release form with your written speech.**

Contact our office for release forms or download one from our website.

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