

Trachtenberg Essay Contest

In honor of Shoshanah Trachtenberg Frackman, graduate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine, we are announcing our annual Bioethics Essay Contest. We invite current full-time junior and senior undergraduates in any US or Canadian college or university to enter.

Requirements:

- Respond to one of the three essay topics below.
- Papers must cogently present arguments to support conclusions, and must address relevant counter-arguments.
- Length: 750 to 1,000 words. Essays longer than 1,000 words will not be reviewed.
- One entry per student.
- Papers must be the student's original work.

Topics:

- Should physician assisted suicide be legalized across the United States?
- Should parents in America have more or less autonomy to make medical decisions for their infant than Charlie Gard's parents did in the UK?
- Should a person with depression be permitted to refuse life-sustaining medical treatment? Why or why not?

Prizes:

- Three essays will be selected for First, Second, and Third place prizes.
- Cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, and \$250 will be awarded to contest winners.
- With permission of the author, we will post winning essays on the Montefiore Einstein Center for Bioethics blog.
- Winners will be announced in Spring 2018.

Submit essay and your contact information to: Bioethics@montefiore.org by December 8, 2017 at 5 pm with "Trachtenberg Essay" as the subject line.