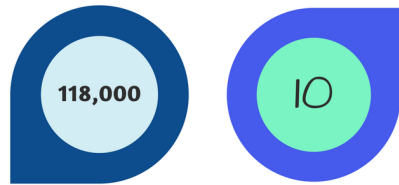


Donation facts & information:



The number of people in the U.S. waiting for a life-saving transplant.

Every 10 minutes, another patient is added to the waiting list for an organ transplant.



The average number of people who pass each day due to the lack of available organs for transplant.

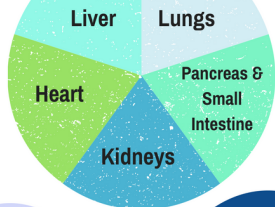


New Yorkers are waiting for a lifesaving transplant.



1 organ & tissue donor can save or enhance up to 75 lives.

Organs that can be donated:



The percentage of New Yorkers registered on the NYS Donate Life Registry



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Requirements

To apply, you must:

- Be a **high school junior** or **senior**
- Address all components of the scholarship challenge
- Use correct grammar and spelling

Please send your scholarship submission along with:

**Name & address
Phone number & email
Grade level & name of high school**

To:
lfisette@cdtny.org

Emailed essays must be submitted as Word or PDF documents attached to the email. Please do not submit the essay in the body of the email itself.

Submissions can also be mailed to:
**Memorial Scholarship
Center for Donation & Transplant
218 Great Oaks Blvd.
Albany, NY 12203**

Submissions must be postmarked or emailed by the end of the day on:
Friday, March 29, 2019

The winners will be notified via email or phone call by:
Monday, May 6, 2019

Award: \$750 to the top applicant

***Applicants agree to permit the use of their application materials, name and likeness to be used in CDT publications or online web and social media outlets.*

The Amy Bindelglass Memorial Scholarship



**To enhance
awareness of organ
and tissue donation**

Presented by the
Center for Donation & Transplant

...in Memory of Amy Bindelglass



Amy's Story

At two-years-old, blonde-haired, blue-eyed Amy Bindelglass could recite the entire alphabet and could count backwards from 10. She had a brother three years older than her who she adored, and the two received numerous compliments on how precious they looked as Peter Pan and Tinkerbell at Disneyworld on Halloween. One of her favorite pastimes was to watch Barney, and she loved the color orange.

While visiting family in January of 2000, Amy was involved in a tragic accident and lost her life. Her family made the decision to donate her organs.

The Center for Donation and Transplant established the Amy Bindelglass Memorial Scholarship with the Bindelglass Family as a way to encourage students to educate themselves and others about the importance of organ donation.



Background

The need for organ and tissue donation continues to grow. Right now, nearly 118,000 Americans are on the national waiting list for a lifesaving organ transplant. 9,500 of those waiting are New Yorkers.

Despite this incredible need in New York, our state ranks as the **lowest in the nation** when it comes to the percentage of residents who are registered on the New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Registry. People who register on the Donate Life registry are giving legal consent to become organ and tissue donors and helping to save lives with their generous decision.

Action IS being taken to help boost the number of people registered in New York. Thanks to the passage of the Young Adult Enrollment Law in 2016, 16 and 17-year-olds in New York can now register to be organ, eye and tissue donors, with parents providing the final consent until the young adult turns 18.

In October 2017 New York also rolled out its fully online organ and tissue registry, meaning that, for the first time ever in the state, residents could register their decision to donate life online in one minute or less. New Yorkers can now register at <http://donatelife.ny.gov>.

These two measures will go a long way in helping to increase the number of New Yorkers who register as a donor and give hope to those waiting for a second chance at life on the national transplant waiting list.

The Challenge

In spite of all the new measures and laws being passed to help increase the number of registered organ, eye and tissue donors, myths about donation still persist!

Help CDT debunk the major myths surrounding organ, eye and tissue donation in a **persuasive essay**. Choose and explain **three myths** and provide the facts to counter-act each myth.

The Criteria:

- Essays should be no more than 750 words
- Use at least two different sources to obtain your information from
- Essays should be carefully written, with proper spelling and grammar

One winner will be selected based on completeness and comprehension of the challenge (addressing all areas listed above), creativity and persuasiveness of your argument to your audience as well as accuracy of information.

Suggested resources to learn more about donation:

www.cdtny.org
<https://donatelife.ny.gov/>
www.donatelife.net
www.organdonor.gov



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