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## Foundations for Life Essay Contest

for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

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Contest information will be posted online on November 30, 2009 at the link below:

<http://www.tcoe.org/ERS/StudentEvents.shtm#FoundationsForLife>

### Contest Timeline:

Entry deadline ..... March 26, 2010  
Judging deadline ..... April 23, 2010  
Awards Presentation ..... May 12, 2010

*A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the top essay in each grade level.*

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### What Is *Foundations for Life*?

*Foundations for Life* is a quotation-based program that promotes reading, critical thinking, and writing skills while simultaneously introducing or reinforcing character education.

*Foundations for Life* is adapted from the *Laws of Life* Essay Contest established by the John Templeton Foundation and is endorsed by the *American Association of School Administrators (AASA)*, *National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)*, and *National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)*.

*Foundations for Life* has many benefits for students and teachers. The program:

- engages students intellectually and emotionally
- integrates easily into existing curricula and activities
- provides excellent practice for state testing and SAT or ACT exams
- advances NCLB standards-based goals
- offers prestigious county-wide recognition and cash prizes for winning essays

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