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Foundations for Life Essay Contest for 6th -12th Grade Students

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Tulare County Office of Education & CHARACTER COUNTS!

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

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

Contest Timeline:

Entry deadlineApril 3, 2009

Judging deadlineMay 1, 2009

Awards PresentationMay 13, 2009

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

For more information please contact
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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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