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

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Contest information will be posted online on October 29, 2010 at the link below:

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

Contest Timeline:

Entry deadline March 25, 2011

Judging deadline April 21, 2011

Awards Presentation TBA

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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