

Tulare County  
Office of Education

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# Foundations For Life Essay Contest

for 6th - 12th grades

*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 (NAESPA), 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 California State Standards-based goals*
- *offers prestigious county-wide recognition and cash prizes for winning essays*

## **Contest Timeline:**

Entry Deadline	April 11, 2017
Judging Deadline	April 25, 2017
Awards Presentation	TBA

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

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