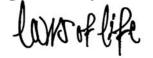


2009 Orange County Middle Schools



Essay Contest







PASSKEYS FOUNDATION

Building A Nation Of Character

In collaboration with ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Institute For Character Education

and

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America

Dear Middle School Principals and Educators:

Your middle school is invited to participate in the **Orange County Laws of Life Essay Contest** sponsored by Passkeys Foundation in cooperation with the OCDE's Institute for Character Education.

2009 Laws of Life Essay Theme:

INTEGRITY:

The Courage To Do The Right Thing

Maximum 500 words

PROGRAM SUMMARY FOR PARTICIPATING MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Essay Contest is conducted at school sites during the 7-week period, Jan. 26 -Mar. 13, 2009.
- No Cost to participating schools. All essay resource materials are provided.
- **50-student minimum** is required at a participating school. All grade levels may participate.
- The school is **required** to create **all-class participation** in selected teacher classrooms.
- Each school-site Essay Coordinator receives a \$100 stipend.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place **essay contest winners** are awarded at **each** school. These winners receive a **\$50**, **\$35 or \$25** gift certificate from a selected bookstore. All student essayists receive a participation certificate.
- The 1st Place essayists from all participating schools compete for the all-OC Laws of Life Best Essays.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners from all schools, their parents, school Essay Coordinators and Principals attend an April, 2009, recognition event where all awards are presented.
- The **three schools** that produce the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place OC Laws of Life Best Essays **receive \$500**, **\$350** or **\$250** for their Principal & Leadership Team to develop or support an existing all-school character education initiative. Principals & Leadership Teams from all other participating schools receive **\$100** for the same purpose.
- The three OC Best Essayists receive a recognition proclamation from the OC Board of Supervisors and Disneyland Guest Passes.

The maximum participation for the 2009 Laws of Life Essay Contest is 30 OC middle schools. Participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis based upon the timely completion and submission of the AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE.

Sincerely, **Russell Williams** Russell Williams, President PASSKEYS FOUNDATION **AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE**

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AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM-DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008 EARLY SUBMISSION IS RECOMMENDED / MAXIMUM 30 SCHOOLS Return to P.O. Box 4137 Mission Viejo, CA 92690-4137

PLEASE TYPE **Please Provide All Information**

Middle School		District		
School Address				
	Street	City	Zip	
School Phone Number		E-Mail of School Site Coor	E-Mail of School Site Coordinator	
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Laws of Life Essay Contest Agreement

Signature by Principal and School Site Essay Coordinator

As representatives of our school we agree to participate in the all OC Middle School *Laws of Life* Essay Contest. We commit(promise) to:

- **Involve** a minimum of 50 student essayists participating from any grade level at our middle school.
- **promote / recruit / educate** selected teacher(s) and classrooms of students who will write a • Laws of Life Essay as a classroom writing assignment consistent with California ELA standards and guidelines.
- review all essays from our school and selecting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Best Essays from our school with the • use of an essay evaluation **rubric** provided by Passkeys Foundation.
- submit the school's 1st Place Essay to Passkeys Foundation for the all-county essay competition.
- attend the all Orange County April, 2009 recognition event with your three school site Best Essayists.

Principal's Signature

Date

School Site Essay Coordinator's Signature

Please Make a Copy of this Agreement for Your Records

Date