

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who is eligible for the Laws of Life essay contest?

A: The Central Ohio contest is open to schools with students in grades 6, 7, and 8 in the following Ohio counties: Athens, Champaign, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hocking, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Meigs, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Ross, Union, Vinton.

Q: How many essays can be submitted per school?

A: Teachers and/or contest coordinators should choose the top essays based on the following scale:

Number of Essays Written	Number of Entries
1-15	1
16-30	2
31-60	3
61-99	5
100+	Top 5%

***Please document the full amount of essays written as well!*

Q: How many covers can be submitted for the cover contest?

A: One piece of cover artwork may be submitted per school that is entering essays.

Q: When are the essays due?

A: Essays are due by midnight on March 2.

Q: What topics are acceptable for the essay?

A: The laws of life are the core values, ideals and principles by which we live. Essays should be about a law of life of the student's choosing. They are also welcome to choose a topic from the UncommonSense® Framework (page 26).

Q: What is the maximum length for an essay?

A: No more than three pages, double spaced.

Q: Where are essays submitted?

A: Essays should be submitted online by the designated contest coordinator for your school. Please go to bbblawsoflife.org for additional information on the submitting process (or see page 9).

Q: When are the finalists notified?

A: Finalists will be notified in April.

Q: What is the award for winning essays?

A: There is a first, second and third place award for each grade level; \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively. Overall awards are as follows: Best Overall Essay \$500, 2nd Place Overall \$250, 3rd Place Overall \$100, Best Special Theme Essay \$150, and Best Cover Design \$100. Additional awards may be added depending on funding.

Q: Who selects the winners?

A: A group of volunteers from the community.

Q: When is the Awards Banquet?

A: The awards banquet is typically held the second week of May. Each student finalist, their parents/guardians, teacher and contest coordinator will be invited.

Q: What if I can't attend the awards banquet?

A: If the student is unable to attend the banquet their award will be mailed to the home address listed on the student's entry form.

Q: Are there resources for teachers that would like to incorporate Laws of Life in their classroom?

A: Yes, please visit bbblawsoflife.org for classroom resources.