

FLORIDA EDUCATION FUND LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY

THEME: “Laws of Life”

PURPOSE: The Laws of Life are core values and ideals by which we live. Honesty, perseverance, and the Golden Rule all are examples of these universal “laws” that transcend religions, cultures, and national borders. The Laws of Life Essay offers a young person the opportunity to think about and communicate the principles that guide his or her life. As a participant writes his or her essay, the participant must select the quotation below that expresses a key value and/or ideal by which he or she lives and explain why the chosen value/ideal is important to the way he or she lives his or her life by discussing experiences, lessons learned, and people who have served as living examples of the chosen value/ideal.

REQUIREMENTS: Essay must be 100-300 words

Essay Quotes

- 1.** In a world filled with hate, we must still dare to hope. In a world filled with anger, we must still dare to comfort. In a world filled with despair, we must still dare to dream. And in a world filled with distrust, we must still dare to believe. –Michael Jackson
- 2.** The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. –Martin Luther King
- 3.** Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. –Nelson Mandela
- 4.** You can't let your failures define you. You have to let your failures teach you. –Former President of the United States Barack Obama
- 5.** Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. –Malcolm X
- 6.** Education must not only simply teach—it must teach life. –W. E. B. Dubois
- 7.** Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having, except as a result of hard work. –Booker T. Washington
- 8.** You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them. –Maya Angelou
- 9.** The kind of beauty I want most is the hard-to-get kind that comes from within—strength, courage, dignity. –Ruby Dee Davis
- 10.** The world is before you and you need not take it or leave it as it was when you came in. –James Baldwin