



AFTER THE CONTEST

“As the students write their essays, they have to think about their principles, what they want to be, and how they want to lead their lives. The contest is a wonderful way to teach values at school.”

— Contest Sponsor
S.B. “Skeet” Rymer,
Cleveland, Tennessee

✓ Assess all contest activities

The *Laws of Life* Essay Contest offers so many benefits to students, teachers, and communities that, once launched, it usually becomes an annual tradition. That is why the first year of the contest is so important. As the “pilot” year, it gives contest organizers useful information about what things worked and what things to do differently in future years. Once the awards ceremony is over, we encourage your contest committee to convene one more time in order to evaluate the different activities of the contest. We have provided you with a Contest Assessment Questionnaire on pages 52-53 of the Appendix with questions to help you evaluate your contest each year.