INDIANA WOMEN'S EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

In conjunction with

THE CONNI RICHARDS YOUTH FUND

PRESENTS THE ESSAY COMPETITION FOR INDIANA 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

THE ESSAY TITLE IS:

"What positive changes would you make to improve your school?"

WHO: Indiana 8th grade students

WHEN: Program begins October 1, 2009, and ends December 1, 2009
Completed essays and entry forms must be postmarked by December 1, 2009

WHAT: Each participant is asked to submit an essay, which must be an original composition relating directly to the topic, "**What positive changes would you make to improve your school?"**

- May be typed (double-spaced) or legibly handwritten; one side of paper only.
- May be stapled once but no folders or paper clips.
- Writer's name may not appear in the body of the essay.
- No fewer than 300 words or more than 450 words.
- This form must accompany the essay with the appropriate signatures.
  (Social security number will be needed for state prizes of U. S. Savings Bonds)

HOW: Mail essay and completed form, **postmarked by December 1, 2009,** to:
Essay Contest, Indiana BPW Foundation, PO Box 33, Knightstown, IN 46148

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____ E-mail:_____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Home Phone #: _____

School Name and Address: _____

Teacher's Name/Dept.: _____ School Phone #: _____

Each participant will receive a ***Certificate of Participation*** upon receipt of essay. One essay will be chosen from each of INFBPW's 7 districts. Each of the 7 winners and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) and teacher will be invited to attend and give his/her essay at the District's Spring Meeting which is usually in March. These same winners also will be invited to attend the luncheon on **Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the INFBPW State Convention at the Walden Inn in Greencastle, Indiana**. These 7 young individuals will be the guest of the district at the Spring Meeting and the guests of the Indiana Women's Education Foundation at the State Convention. The three State Winners will be announced at the State Convention. These three will read their essays and receive the following prizes:

Engraved plaque and $200 Savings Bond

Engraved plaque and $100 Savings Bond

Engraved plaque and $ 50 Savings Bond

The **Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc.**, founded in 1991, provides financial and scholarship assistance and strives to improve employment opportunity, career development, and economic self-sufficiency for women and/or youth in the State of Indiana. The Indiana Women's Education Foundation, Inc., is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

Signature grants permission for the 3 state winners' names, hometowns, and essays to be posted on the Indiana Women's Education Foundation website.

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Student's Signature	Teacher's Signature	Parent/Guardian's Signature

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