2024 Essay Contest

Why Is Agriculture Important?

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TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

ESSAY GUIDELINES

- THEME: (must be included as title of essay) “Why Is Agriculture Important?”
- ELIGIBILITY: Tennessee 5th Grade Students.
- DEADLINE: County winning essay must be received via email in the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation State Office by March 1, 2024. Email winning essay to kchastine@tfbf.com.

THEME: Why Is Agriculture Important?

Judging

Students must be present to receive award, which will be presented at the Farm Bureau Women’s State Leadership Conference Saturday, April 27, 2024.

First Place: $300
Second Place: $200
Third Place: $100

The teacher of the state winning entries will receive $100. (must be present to receive award).

All essays submitted to the state contest will become the property of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and the Tennessee Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. They may be used for promotional purposes.

State Contest & Awards:

Essay Requirements:

- 500 word maximum
- Must be typed
- Must be double spaced
- Times or Times New Roman type style
- 12-point font
- One inch margins

Cover page, including:
- Student’s First and Last Name
- Parent’s Name
- Address and Phone Number
- School
- Teacher’s Name
- County

Judging Criteria:

- Content & Accuracy of Information: 50%
- Originality of Thought: 20%
- Clarity of Expression: 20%
- Correct Use of Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation: 10%

County Contest & Awards:

The County Farm Bureau deadline will be set locally prior to the state's March 1 deadline allowing time for a county winner to be chosen. The first place winner from each county is eligible to have his or her winning entry submitted to the state contest.

Counties may use their own discretion in deciding upon awards and means of recognition for their respective county winners and participants.
Why Is Agriculture Important?

This contest is designed for students to display their skills that correlate with reading standards for informational text, language standards and writing standards. Including but not limited to:

- 5.FL.WC.4.a
- 5.FL.F.5
- 5.FL.F.5.a
- 5.FL.SC.6
- 5.RL.KID.1
- 5.RJ.KID.2
- 5.RJ.KID.7
- 5.RJ.KID.9
- 5.SL.CC.1
- 5.SLP.KL.4
- 5.W.TTP.1
- 5.W.TP.2
- 5.W.PDW.4
- 5.W.PDW.5
- 5.W.PDW.6
- 5.W.RBP.K.7
- 5.W.RBP.K.8
- 5.W.RBP.K.9

RESEARCH TOPIC IDEAS:
- Agriculture in Your Daily Life
- Environment
- Animal Care
- Agriculture Feeding the World
- Agriculture’s Impact on the Economy

Source Suggestions:
- www.tennesseeag.org
- www.myamericanfarm.org
- www.tnfarmbureau.org
- www.tn.gov/agriculture
- www.usda.gov
- www.fb.org/newsroom/fast-facts

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