



JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

OBJECTIVE

To promote proficiency in writing and communication skills and to gain a stronger understanding of the FFA organization and its attributes through the designated theme.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

All FFA members in eighth grade and under are eligible to submit an entry in the essay contest at the local level. From these entries, **up to five** may be submitted to the state level from each chapter for competition.

PROCEDURES

Eligible members can submit an essay of up to 500 words. The essay must address the theme chosen for the year. The essay must be typed or word processed. Essays must be submitted via the electronic form sent out by the Wisconsin FFA Center each year.

Electronic Submission Form: [CLICK HERE](#)

TOPIC

The essay topic each year is the State FFA Theme for the current school year. Refer to the state FFA website for the current State FFA Theme (www.wisconsinffa.org).

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

All essays will be compared to one another regardless of age or grade of the author (as long as members meet application guidelines). The essays will be scored on the following basis:

Proper grammar and punctuation	25 points
How well does the author address the theme	25 points
Organization and clarity	25 points
Originality	15 points
Neatness	10 points

AWARDS

The top four finalists will be asked to attend the Wisconsin State FFA Convention to be presented a plaque. The state winner may be asked to present their essay on stage at the State FFA Convention. Sectional Winners will also be named and awarded.