

Junior High/Middle School Wisconsin FFA Essay Contest

Objective

To promote proficiency in writing and communication skills.
To gain a better 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 word. The essay must address the theme chosen for the year (usually the current year's National FFA Theme.) The essay must be typed or word processed. Essays must be submitted and postmarked on or before April 15.

Topic: The essay topic each year is the National FFA Theme for the current school year. Refer to the national FFA website for the current National FFA Theme. (www.ffa.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 will be asked to present their essay on stage at the LifeWork Expo at the State FFA Convention. Sectional Winners will also be named and awarded plaques.