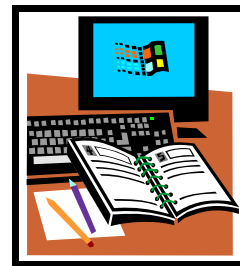


# 2010 Essay Contest



Sponsored by: VFB Women's Committee  
**Essay Contest Rules**

## Purpose

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The purpose of the contest is to provide an opportunity for young people to promote the importance of agriculture and define the future of this industry.

## Qualifications:

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- The contest is for all children in the defined age groups.
  - JUNIOR ESSAY THEME: "Farms and Food Go Together"  
The Junior Essay must contain 200 words or more.  
Eligible participants are Third, Fourth & Fifth graders  
See Junior Essay Prompt.
  - SENIOR ESSAY THEME: "Farms and Food Go Together"  
The Senior Essay must contain 400 words or more.  
Eligible participants are Sixth, Seventh and Eight graders  
See Senior Essay Prompt.

## Judging Criteria:

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- Judging is based on originality of thought, method of expression, neatness, correct spelling and sentence structure.
- The County Farm Bureau is responsible in determining county winner. Essays are to be first submitted to the **county Farm Bureau** for preliminary judging
- The county's winning essay, in each age group category, will be entered into competition with winning entries from other county Farm Bureaus and **submitted no later than June 1, 2010 to the Women's & Young Farmer Department** at the state office.
- Past state essay winners are not eligible to compete again in the same age category.
- It is preferred the essay be typewritten or word-processed.
- A contest entry form **MUST** accompany each essay. Failure to follow contest rules will result in disqualification of county contestant.
- The child's name and county **MUST** be included on the essay.  
**Participating schools are to select one winner from each class and submit the winning entry to their local county Farm Bureau.**  
**Contest open to Virginia County Farm Bureau members and/or Virginia residents.**

## Awards:

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Recognition of winners on the county level will be the responsibility of the county Farm Bureau.

The state junior and senior winners, will receive the following:

- ◆ They will be invited to the VFBF Women's Conference to present their winning essay. (one night lodging will be covered by Virginia Farm Bureau for winner and one guest).
- ◆ A cash award of \$100.
- ◆ A certificate

**Complete application form on back of this page**  
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## ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership Number if Farm Bureau member: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ M F Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Jr. Essay (Grades 3, 4 & 5)  Sr. Essay (Grades 6, 7 & 8)

Please provide a 5-7 line biography:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent's signature and permission to enter into contest*

*(Submit Essay to county Farm Bureau office **prior** to deadline for signature by  
Women's Chair or County Farm Bureau President.)*

*Submission deadline is **June 1, 2010** to the **state office***

*(County Farm Bureaus are listed on our Farm Bureau Web site [www.vafb.com](http://www.vafb.com).)  
(See front of page for more details)*

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For office use only:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*County Farm Bureau Women's Chairman or representative signature*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Virginia Farm Bureau Essay Contest

## Senior Essay Prompt 2010

Farms and food go together. Write about why you believe this statement to be true. Be specific and include as many supporting details as possible.

### CHECKLIST FOR WRITERS

\_\_\_\_\_ I planned my paper before writing it.

\_\_\_\_\_ I revised my paper to be sure that

\_\_\_\_\_ the introduction captures the reader's attention;

\_\_\_\_\_ the central idea is supported with specific information and

\_\_\_\_\_ examples that will be interesting to the reader;

\_\_\_\_\_ the content relates to my central idea;

\_\_\_\_\_ ideas are organized in a logical manner;

\_\_\_\_\_ my sentences are varied in length;

\_\_\_\_\_ my sentences are varied in the way that they begin;

\_\_\_\_\_ the conclusion brings my ideas together.

\_\_\_\_\_ I edited my paper to be sure that

\_\_\_\_\_ correct grammar is used;

\_\_\_\_\_ words are capitalized when appropriate;

\_\_\_\_\_ sentences are punctuated correctly;

\_\_\_\_\_ words are spelled correctly; and

\_\_\_\_\_ paragraphs are clearly indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_ I checked my paper.

Essays will be scored using the 6+1 writing rubric.

[http://www.readwritethink.org/lesson\\_images/lesson398/rubric-essay2.pdf](http://www.readwritethink.org/lesson_images/lesson398/rubric-essay2.pdf)

Student Name:

# Virginia Farm Bureau Essay Contest

## Junior Essay Prompt 2010

Farms and food go together. Explain why you think this statement is true. Use as many specific details as possible.

### CHECKLIST FOR WRITERS

\_\_\_\_\_ I planned my paper before writing it.

\_\_\_\_\_ I revised my paper to be sure that

\_\_\_\_\_ the central idea of your paper is clear:

\_\_\_\_\_ the central idea of my paper is elaborated;

\_\_\_\_\_ everything in my paper talks about my central idea;

\_\_\_\_\_ my paper is logically organized so readers will understand my message;

\_\_\_\_\_ my words and information make my paper interesting to readers; and

\_\_\_\_\_ my sentences make sense, sound like me, and read smoothly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I edited my paper to be sure that

\_\_\_\_\_ I used good grammar;

\_\_\_\_\_ I used capital letters and punctuation marks correctly;

\_\_\_\_\_ I made my spelling correct; and

\_\_\_\_\_ I let my readers know where I started new paragraphs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I checked my paper to make sure that it is the way that I want readers to read it.

Essays will be scored using the 6+1 writing rubric.

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