

# Essay

## DESCRIPTION

FFA members express their views on current agriculture issues in a written essay.

## OBJECTIVE

Students will be able to:

1. Creatively write manuscripts expressing their point of view on current agriculture issues.
2. Use grammar, spelling, and writing skills properly

## GUIDELINES

1. Contestants will have 60 minutes to write the essay.
2. The essay will be written at the contest site.
3. Essays should be more than 250 words, but less than 500 words.
4. Ten general topics will be posted on the Indiana FFA website by February 1<sup>st</sup> for district competition and May 15<sup>th</sup> for state competition.
5. Six specific possible essay topics will be posted for contestants to view one hour before contest time. One of these six topics will be chosen for the essay topic that the members write about. Contest topic will be chosen at the discretion of the judges.
6. Members are only allowed to take his or her dictionary and pen into the contest room. Paper will be provided. No other materials will be allowed in the room.
7. Essays will be graded by judges immediately following the contest.

# Indiana FFA Essay Scorecard

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>ITEMS TO BE SCORED</b>	<b>MAXIMUM POINTS</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Organization of Essay	15		
Creativity	10		
Unity of Thought	10		
Logical Development	10		
Use of Grammar	10		
Spelling	5		
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>60</b>		

**Additional Comments:**