

HORSE CREATIVE WRITING

These entries MUST be submitted to the State 4-H Office postmarked by March 10 to be judged prior to the Extravaganza

OBJECTIVES:

1. Encourage youth to gain better contact and use of the English language.
2. Stimulate youths to expand their horse knowledge and learn how to use and interpret resources available on different subjects.
3. Recognize youths who have studied hard and can express their ideas through writing.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. This is an individual contest.
2. **All entries are to be made online by March 1, 11:59 PM.**
3. All exhibits must be identified with name, age and grade as of January 1 of the current year, and county.
4. Actual hardcopy writing pieces are to be submitted to the State 4-H Office postmarked by **March 10. Send to: Equine Extravaganza, EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH BLDG, 1259 STANGE RD, AMES IA 50011-1002.**
5. Entries will be displayed at the Equestrian Center, Ellsworth Community College.
6. Categories: Essay (fact or fiction), Short Story (fact or fiction).
7. Age Divisions: Beginner division grades 3-5; Junior division grades 6-8; Senior division grades 9-12.
8. Iowa State University and the 4-H office will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.

ESSAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Essays must be related to horses or the horse industry, and must be completed in the current project year.
2. Essays will be limited to 1,000 words or less of original work. Resources and references must be cited.
3. Essays may be typed (double spaced) or written legibly in ink and placed in plastic notebook sleeves.
4. Essays will be judged on the following basis:

Content	50 points
Creativity and expression	15 points
Originality	10 points
Grammar	15 points
Neatness	10 points
5. Essays must include a separate title page with the following information: title of essay, name and address, county and age division (Jr, Int., Sr.).

SHORT STORIES RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Short stories must be related to horses or the horse industry, and must be completed in the current project year.
2. Short stories will be limited to 1,000 words or less of original work.
3. Short stories may be typed (double spaced) or written legibly in ink and placed in plastic notebook sleeves.
4. Short stories will be judged on the following basis:

Content	50 points
Creativity and expression	15 points
Originality	10 points
Grammar	15 points
Neatness	10 points
5. Short stories must include a separate title page with the following information: title of essay, name and address, county and age division.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. **Online entry DEADLINE is March 1, 11:59 PM.**
2. **Entries must be made online. Access the online registration at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza**
3. **An entry fee of \$8 per entry is required. See the online entry process for payment options.**
4. **All entry payments MUST be received by March 15.**
5. **Hardcopy entries MUST be postmarked by March 10.**
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