

Creative Writing

Description: The communications project teaches verbal and non-verbal communication and presentation skills.

State Fair Entries: 3 per county; one per level.

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4online by May 15
- Enter exhibit(s) in FairEntry by May 19, 2023. See Page 7 Rule #24.
- Exhibits must be turned into the County Extension Office by May 31, 2023.

Exhibit Guidelines: An Allen County 4-H General Record Sheet must be completed, signed and turned in at the beginning of check-in for All Exhibit Building Projects. **The exhibit(s) must be turned into the County Extension Office by May 31, 2023.** Exhibit(s) that are late or incomplete will result in a ribbon grade one placing lower following placement of exhibit(s).

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.

Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

his exhibit allows youth to express creativity while developing writing skills. Examples include a story, autobiography, biography, journal entry, poetry, children's story, skit or play, fiction in verse, alternative history, song lyrics, movie script, creative nonfiction and more. Writing must be authored by the 4-H member and can be fiction or non-fiction.

Exhibits are to be displayed in a notebook or binder appropriately labeled on the front with the title, 4-H member's name, grade in school, club and county. The notebook or binder is to include a title page and authored work. While most creative writing exhibits will not require research, a bibliography giving credit to sources is to be included with any research article.

Work can be handwritten or typewritten clearly.

Illustrations or photos may be included to enhance the writing.

Writing should not include excessive blood, gore, violence or sexual themes and must be appropriate for all ages to read. Creative Writing Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Exhibit Requirements: Beginner (grades 3-5 suggested) Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate item. While length or word count is not required, one-page or 250 words is appropriate for most beginners.

Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested) Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate item. While length or word count is not required, two-page or 500 words is appropriate for most intermediate members.

Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested) Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate item. While length or word count is not required, more than three pages or more than 750 words is appropriate for most advanced members.

Project Guidelines:

1. You may submit one exhibit per category (up to 5 categories).
2. Please submit 2 copies for judging, so that the judge may mark on one copy, while the other is "clean" for displaying at the fair.
3. All exhibits must have been written since the previous year's county fair and must be the exclusive work of the 4-H member. No group projects or collaborations.
4. Only a basic binder, folder, or report cover is required. However, you may decorate the cover or use your creativity to personalize your project.
5. Play or screenplay of any length.