



## Creative Writing

### Description:

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

### State Fair Entries:

3 exhibits per county, one per level.

### Exhibit Guidelines:

- This 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.
- 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.

### Exhibit Class Guidelines:

#### ***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.

#### **CREATIVE WRITING- Check-in and judging**

**Check-in:** Tuesday, June 13, 5-7 p.m. OR Wednesday, June 14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Judging:** Closed judging

After check-in of **all** projects, put current year's record sheets in Green Record Book and turn in at designated boxes in the Community Building.

You have until May 15 to add or drop this project from your current year's enrollment.

The Best of Show and Runner-Up Best of Show winners will be recognized Sunday of the fair.