

Creative Writing
(No State Fair Exhibit)

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4honline by May 15
- Enter exhibit(s) in FairEntry by last business day in June, which is June 30, 2021. See Page 7 Rule #23.
- Exhibits must be turned into the County Extension Office by the last business day of June, June 30, 2021.

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 the last business day of June, June 30, 2021.** Exhibit(s) that are late or incomplete will result in a ribbon grade one placing lower following placement of exhibit(s).

Levels:

Beginner Grades 3-4-5

Intermediate Grades 6-7-8

Advanced Grades 9-10-11-12

Categories:

1. **Short Story** – Exhibit is a fictional short story, play, or screenplay. Length depends on your exhibitor level.
2. **Poetry** – Exhibit is a poem or song lyrics of any length or style.
3. **Children’s Story** – Exhibit is a story written specifically for young children and includes illustrations.
4. **Comic Book** – Exhibit is a comic book that includes illustrations. Length depends on your exhibitor level.
5. **Micro-fiction** – Exhibit is a story told in exactly 50 words, no more and no less.

Exhibit Requirements:

Beginner – Grades 3-5

One of the following: A short story of 1-2 pages, a comic book of 8 or more panels, a poem or children’s story of any length, or a micro-fiction of 50 words exactly.

Intermediate – Grades 6-8

One of the following: A short story of 3-4 pages, a comic book of 14 or more panels, a poem or children’s story of any length, or a micro-fiction of 50 words exactly.

Advanced – Grades 9-12

One of the following: A short story of 5-6 pages, a comic book of 20 or more panels, a poem or children’s story of any length, or a micro-fiction of 50 words exactly.

Project Guidelines:

1. You may submit one exhibit per category (up to 5 categories).
2. All exhibits should be typed or handwritten clearly.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Only a basic binder, folder, or report cover is required. However, you may decorate the cover or use your creativity to personalize your project.

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