

CREATIVE WRITING – CREATIVE EXPRESSIVE ARTS

The Creative Writing project allows 4-H'ers to express their talents through writing and the written word.

Superintendent:

State Fair Entries: No State Fair Entries

EXHIBITS:

BEGINNER – GRADES 3-5

One of the following: A poem, prose*, informational, or children's story consisting of 50-300 words and record sheet.

INTERMEDIATE – GRADES 6-8

One of the following: A poem, prose*, informational, or children's story consisting of 300-700 words and record sheet.

ADVANCED – GRADES 9-12

One of the following: A poem, prose*, informational, or children's story consisting of 500-1,200 words and record sheet.

***A prose is a: story – nonfiction or fiction, autobiography, biography, essay, journal entry, other type of writing**

GENERAL RULES

1. Only one entry or exhibit is required to complete the Creative Writing project. However, 4-H members may choose to have an entry in each of the following 4 Project Categories: Poetry, Prose, Informational, or Children's Story.
2. All entries are to be handwritten neatly in ink or typed. Typed entries should be double spaced. 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. Children's stories must include illustrations. Illustrations are NOT required for Poetry and Prose entries, but are permitted to enhance your exhibit.
4. All entries must have been written since the previous year's county fair. Work that has been judged in any other writing contest is ineligible for 4-H competition. All entries must be the exclusive work of the 4-H member. NO group projects or collaborations should be submitted for judging.
5. Each entry is to have a TITLE PAGE with the following information: Title, Author, Date, Project Category, Grade in School (just completed), and Club.
6. Each entry is to be bound to keep it neat and clean during judging and display at the 4-H Fair. Use any type of three- pronged folder or school report cover available at most department stores. You may decorate the cover, or use a report binder with a plastic front so your title page shows through.
7. Neatness counts. Be sure your project is clean, neat, and organized.
8. Use any tools available to you to present your exhibit in the best possible way. However, don't neglect the most important part of this project..."Creative Writing". The developments of your subject into a poem or story, the creative way you express yourself, and the proper grammatical use of words, are more important to the judge than computer printing and expensive laminating and bindings. Make sure you concentrate on the project, before the presentation of it.
9. Double check the order of the paper in your binder.
 - a. Title Page (required)
 - b. Description of poetry form (optional for poetry projects only)
 - c. Your writing project (required)
 - d. Bibliography (give credit to sources only if you researched)
 - e. Author's page (optional, permitted for all three categories)