

— ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 25, 2009—

**ESSAY COMPETITION  
DEPARTMENT “FF”  
TOTAL PREMIUMS OFFERED—\$740**



**JUDGES:** *News and Observer's* Newspapers in Education and NCDA&CS

Write an essay on the N.C. State Fair using the topic listed under the appropriate class:  
SECTION 101:

FF001: **Kindergarten through 2nd grade**

*The Field of Dreams at the State Fair is like a small farm. Draw a picture of a farm and things that you would find on a farm.  
(Explain in less than 40 words.)*

FF002: **3rd through 5th grade** (Essay-150 words or less)

*The State Fair originated as a showcase for agriculture. Write about the different aspects of agriculture that you can now see at the State Fair.*

FF003: **6th through 8th grade** (Essay-500 words or less)

*All foods start first on the farm. Think about your favorite meal and explain the different farm products that are used to create the meal.*

FF004: **9th through 12th grade** (Essay 500-650 words)

*The State Fair showcases North Carolina grown and made food products. Explain why it is important to the community, the economy and the environment to support local agriculture.*

**INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS**

The General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department. Be sure to read these rules before entering or competing in this department. Some additional rules are:

1. Competition is open to residents of North Carolina only.
2. Entries must be mailed with entry form (next page) to the NC State Fair Entry Office, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607.
3. Entries **must be received** by Friday, September 25, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.
4. Winning entries will be displayed on the N.C. State Fair web site and will run in the *News and Observer*.
5. One entry per exhibitor.

**PREMIUMS**

	1st	2nd	3rd	HM
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10
3rd - 5th Grade	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10
6th - 8th Grade	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10
9th - 12th Grade	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10

**ENTRIES DUE SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 BY 5:00 P.M.**  
**2009 ENTRY FORM**  
**Essay Competition**  
**DEPARTMENT FF**

Please accept the following entries, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Fair, as published in the Premium List, by which I agree to be governed in exhibiting. All statements made in connection with said entries are true.

**A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT  
NAME OF PERSON WHO IS TO RECEIVE PREMIUM CHECK**

Please Print in Black Ink

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Teacher email address \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS ENTERING CLASS SETS OF ESSAYS:** *Please fill out the student name, school, county, phone and your email address. The Fair will contact you if one of your students wins the competition. All prize money will go to the individual who wrote the essay. Winners will have to provide name, address and social security number to receive prize money.*

**IMPORTANT IRS INFORMATION:** *Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require that we have the Social Security Number (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) which corresponds to the name to whom the check for prize money is written. If we are notified by the IRS that the SSN or TIN does not match the name of record, we will have to backup withhold taxes and you may be subject to a \$50 penalty by the IRS. A separate form should be used for each SSN/TIN. You must provide this information to be eligible for prize money. Also IRS regulations state that any prize money totaling \$600 or more in a calendar year must be reported on a Form 1099.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Class Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form to:**  
NC State Fair Entry Office, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607