

— ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 23, 2011—

ESSAY COMPETITION  
DEPARTMENT “FF”  
Total Premiums Offered—\$740



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

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

**CLASS 101**

FF00001: Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Farmers are busy in the fall getting ready for harvest and the State Fair.

Draw a picture of a farmer on the farm getting his/her entries ready for a Fair. Write a short description.

(Explain in less than 40 words.)

FF00002: 3rd through 5th grade (Essay-150 words or less)

The Fair has a wide range of competitions. Pick an interesting competition you've never participated in and tell why you'd like to learn more about it.

FF00003: 6th through 8th grade (Essay-500 words or less)

What's your favorite meal? What farm products do you think are needed to make it and how does it get from the farm to the table?

FF00004: 9th through 12th grade (Essay 500-650 words)

Agriculture is more than just farming. Many careers play a part in agribusiness industries. Explain how careers, such as science, business, engineering, marketing and education, play a role in our state's top industry.

**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 23, 2011 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 23, 2011 BY 5:00 P.M.  
2011 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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to register their exhibits without disclosing a SSN.
2. Exhibitors are fully aware that choosing NOT to disclose their SSN at the time of registration (paper entry forms or online) forfeits any and all premium monies they were entitled to.
3. State Fair staff WILL NOT contact winning exhibitors who did not submit their SSN at the time of registration.
4. State Fair staff WILL NOT accept any calls/emails/etc. from winning exhibitors who choose not to disclose their SSN at the time of registration.
5. Prizes such as ribbons, medals, rosettes and plaques will be awarded to winning exhibitors who do not disclose their SSN at the time of registration.

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

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

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

Mail form to: NC State Fair Entry Office,  
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