



Agriculture at the Fair Writing Contest

Agriculture is a big part of the Iowa State Fair! To celebrate that and keep kids' creative juices flowing this summer, the Iowa Agriculture Literacy is hosting a creative writing contest for Iowa youth entering 3rd-12th Grade. *So, get out a pencil and paper, or dust off your laptop! It's time to start writing!*

Eligibility: The contest is open to Iowa youth entering 3rd-12th grade.

Timeline:

- Submit entries by Friday, August 28th at:
<https://form.jotform.com/IowaAgLiteracyFoundation/writing>
- Winning entries will be announced in early September.

Submission guidelines:

- Choose one of three writing prompts:
 - **Fair Food Poem.** Fair food is the best, and all of that tasty goodness wouldn't be possible without farmers! Create a poem about your favorite fair food. Consider including the farm products they are made from or the farmers who grew the ingredients. Your poem could be a rhyming, acrostic, diamante, and more! Learn more about different types of poems [here](#).
 - **Farm to Fair Story.** The fair wouldn't be complete without pigs, cattle, chickens, sheep, and more! From the perspective of an animal, write a fun story about your journey growing up on an Iowa farm and/or being exhibited at the fair.
 - **Fair Royalty Speech.** Did you know that there is an Iowa Pork Queen, Dairy Princess, Honey Queen and more? Pick an Iowa-grown agricultural product and pretend that you were just named as the 2020 prince or princess representing it. Write your acceptance speech including why the agricultural product you represent is important to you and others.
- Entries can be handwritten or typed, but must be less than 500 words.
- Participants may submit more than one entry. Please complete a separate form for each.
- Entries may be submitted by the writer's parent, guardian, or teacher.

Prizes:

- Nine \$15 Amazon gift cards will be awarded!
- A 3-5th grade, 6-8th grade, and 9-12th grade winner will be chosen for each of the three writing prompts.
- Winning entries will be showcased on the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation social media streams.