

BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST RULES

TEXAS (STATE) RULES

1. Each essay needs to have a cover letter. Typewritten or computer-generated. You need to include the following:

First Name, Last Name
Address
City/State/Zip
County
District
Email Address
4-H Club Name

2. Each essay should be postmarked by **January 26, 2005** to:

**Toby Lepley
Beekeeping Essay
7607 Eastmark Drive, Suite 101
College Station, TX 77840**

NATIONAL RULES

1. Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. 4-H'ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the national level are not eligible; other state winners are eligible to re-enter.
2. Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay) -
 - Preparation for National Judging: Typewritten or computer-generated, double-spaced, 12-pt. Times or similar type style, on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.
 - Write on the designated subject only.
 - All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
 - A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
 - Length - the essay proper: 750 to 1000 words.
 - The word count does not include the endnotes, the bibliography or references, nor the essayist's biographical sketch.
3. Essays will be judged on
 - * scope of research - 40%
 - * accuracy - 30%
 - * creativity - 10%
 - * conciseness - 10%
 - * logical development of the topic - 10%
4. Essayists should not forward essays directly to the Foundation office. Each state 4-H Office is responsible for selecting the state's winner and should set its deadline so state judging can be completed at the state level in time for the winning state essay to be mailed to the Foundation office before March 1, 2005. No essay received after March 1 will be considered.
5. Each state may submit only one entry.
6. Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
7. The National Winner will be announced by May 1, 2005.
8. All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essay will be returned.