

# ESSAY CONTEST

**THEME:** Why is Agriculture Important?  
(must be included in essay)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Mississippi 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students

## GUIDELINES:

- 200 word minimum - 300 word maximum
- Must be typed and double-spaced
- Type style must be in Times (Times New Roman)
- Maximum point size is 12 point
- Maximum 1-inch margin
- Include a cover page with the following information:
  - Student's First and Last Name
  - Parent's Name
  - Address
  - Telephone Number
  - School
  - Teacher's Name
  - County

**DEADLINE:** October 1

All essays submitted to the state contest will become the property of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, and may be used for promotional purposes.



## AWARDS:

### STATE CONTEST

**First place:** \$100

**Second place:** \$75

**Third place:** \$50

State winners will be notified by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Content & Accuracy of Information: 50%

Originality of Thought: 10%

Clarity of Expression: 20%

Correct use of grammar, spelling,  
and punctuation: 20%

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