



Announcement!

Georgia Farm Bureau Middle School Essay Contest 2012

Are you a 6th, 7th or 8th grade student in Georgia? Do you want a chance to be rewarded for your writing skills? If so, this contest is an opportunity for you to use both your writing skills and your knowledge or research of agriculture.

Program Purpose: The purpose of the essay contest is to encourage students to increase their level of agricultural literacy through presentations on agriculture by the county volunteers and research on the essay contest topic. The contest is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Georgia. Writing activity can be matched to state standards.

Topic: *“Georgia Farmers Are My Heroes Because...”*

Contest Guidelines:

- The student must be enrolled in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade in Georgia for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- The contest must be entered through the county Farm Bureau.
- The essay must be accompanied by the official title sheet which is obtained through the county Farm Bureau. No name should appear on the essay itself.
- It is preferable that the essay be typed; however, an essay that is neatly handwritten in ink will be accepted. Typed essays should meet the following criteria: double spaced, minimum 12 point font (Arial or Times New Roman preferred), 1-inch margins, and a maximum length of 2 pages. Handwritten essays should be in ink on lined notebook paper with a maximum length of 3 pages.
- The county winning essay **MUST** be submitted to the Georgia Farm Bureau Field Services Department in Macon by **Friday, February 24, 2012. (Each county will choose one winner at the county level and submit it to the district level by that date).**
- Previous state winners of the contest are not eligible.

PRIZES

District Winner:

10 District Winners \$100 cash each

State Winner:

\$150.00 cash (in addition to the district award)



*This contest is sponsored by Georgia Farm Bureau.
It is coordinated by the Georgia Farm Bureau Women's Committee.*

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau office.