



INDIANA STATE FAIR *Year of the* FARMER



Dow AgroSciences

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Creative Arts and Essay Contest

Purpose

Provide an opportunity to creatively educate Indiana State Fair visitors about history, tradition and the importance of agriculture to the Indiana State Fair. Provide a fun opportunity for students in grades K thru 12 to practice or enhance their art and writing skills. This contest is sponsored by the Indiana State Fair Commission and Dow AgroSciences.

Theme: “Year of the Farmer”

The Indiana State Fair spotlights an Indiana Agriculture Commodity or Cultural Landmark each year to educate the state on its importance to Indiana’s economy, culture, and history. The theme represents the importance of the Indiana Farmer to agriculture and to Indiana citizens, their quality of life, and Indiana’s economic future. Students are to submit one creative essay and/or one visual arts piece on the importance of the Indiana Farmer. The submitted piece must educate visitors to the Indiana State Fairgrounds by incorporating elements of history, tradition, and importance of the Indiana Farmer to the consumer’s daily life (consider the importance of technology in 21st Century agriculture, Indiana agricultural benchmarks, commodities, and agricultural leaders). There are separate contests for each grade level, with winners and teachers to receive awards during the Opening Ceremonies at the 2015 Indiana State Fair. The contest is free to enter. A student is only able to submit one creative essay and one visual arts piece.

Official Contest Rules

Grade Level and Contests

Grades K-2: Drawing

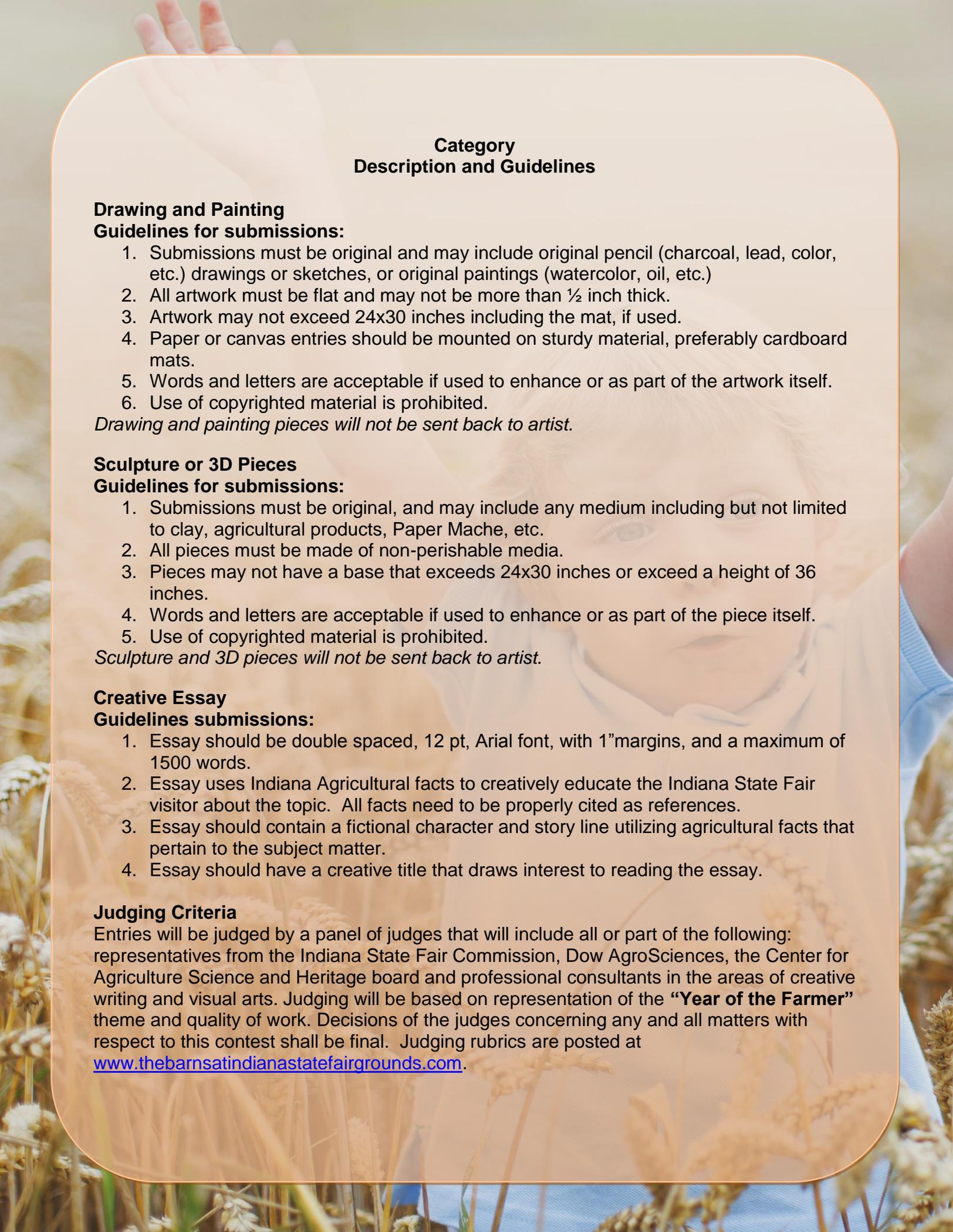
Grades 3-5: Drawing or Painting

Grades 6-8: Sculpture, Drawing, Painting, or Essay

Grades 9-12: Sculpture, Drawing, Painting, or Essay

1. Contest open to any student enrolled in an Indiana school or home school during the 2014-2015 school year.
2. An entry in the drawing, sculpture, painting or essay category must be original work, created in 2015 by the student submitting the entry. Parental or teacher involvement can only be in support functions such as purchasing materials and assisting with entry submission.
3. A student may enter one creative essay and/or one visual arts piece.
4. All entries must relate to the theme: "Year of the Farmer" in Indiana. The theme represents the importance of the Indiana Farmer to agriculture and to Indiana citizens, their quality of life, and Indiana's economic future. Entries will be judged on the quality of work and how well the submission portrays the theme through the artistic and creative vision.
5. All entries **must be submitted online by June 1, 2015.**
6. Initial submission of all sculptures, drawings, and paintings shall be by photos of the piece that are sent in with the on-line submission form.
7. The top 10 submissions for the following three categories: sculptures, drawings and paintings will be notified via e-mail by June 15th. Finalists will be required to submit their original artwork. The original piece must arrive at the Indiana State Fairgrounds by June 30th so that final selections can be made by the panel of judges. Detailed instructions for delivery to the Fairgrounds will be included in the e-mail notification the artist receives.
8. Late entries and/or inappropriate drawings, sculptures, paintings or essays, as determined by the judging panel and Indiana State Fair Commission designee, will not be considered.
9. Entries become the property of the Indiana State Fair Commission and will not be returned to the artist or writer. The pieces may be used for education, promotion or any other purpose by the Commission, including but not limited to the posting of the entry on the Commission's website. Artist will receive credit for work when utilized by making the artists name visible on or nearby the piece.
10. The Indiana State Fair Commission reserves the right to cancel the contest at any time.
11. Entry must be the original work of the eligible participant. Any plagiarism or failure to identify material that is not the participant's own work will be grounds for immediate disqualification. Additionally, by entering this contest, a participant represents and warrants that his or her submission is original and does not infringe on the rights or intellectual property claims of any third party or entity and participant also agrees to indemnify and hold Sponsors harmless for any related claims.

12. The parties agree that any legal action proceeding or relating to this contest shall be instituted in a state court sitting in Indianapolis, Indiana, which shall be the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any legal proceedings. Participants hold all responsibility to comply with any applicable federal, state or local laws in connection with their contest entry or prize winnings.
13. Winners shall assume any and all responsibility for any federal, state or local taxes due in connection with any prizes.
14. A copy of these official rules will be posted on the Indiana State Fair Commission's Education Department website: www.thebarnsatindianastatefairgrounds.com. These rules can also be obtained from the Indiana State Fair Commission by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Indiana State Fair Commission, Attn: Education Department, Year of the Farmer Creative Arts and Writing Contest, 1203 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205.
15. The Indiana State Fair Commission cannot be held responsible for any telecommunications systems, postal malfunctions and/or other submission failures that might impede an entrant's ability to enter this contest. Lost, late, damaged, undelivered or illegible entries will not be considered for prizes.
16. Winner and his or her parent/legal guardian will be required to execute appropriate releases before a prize is transferred. If the winner fails to provide proper identification and sign the appropriate releases, or if the announced winner is determined to be an ineligible participant, the Indiana State Fair Commission shall declare the prize forfeited and proceed to choose another winner from the remaining eligible entries. Winners release the Indiana State Fair Commission and any other affiliates from liability for any loss, damage, or claim of property related to the participation in the contest and/or usage of the prize.
17. The winning pieces in the sculpture, drawing and painting categories will be on display during the 2015 Indiana State Fair and will be retained by the Indiana State Fair Commission. Artists name, age and county will be displayed with the pieces at all times.
18. All Creative Essay entries will be printed and displayed during the 2015 Indiana State Fair in a bound book for Indiana State Fair visitors to read. Entrants will be notified of display location.
19. An artists or writers shall not put his or her name on the piece, only on the registration form. Each submission will have a number assigned to ensure the integrity of the judging process.
20. Category, teacher, and overall winner awards will be listed on the website at www.thebarnsatindianastatefairgrounds.com beginning May 1st.
21. Questions concerning the 2015 Indiana State Fair Creative Arts and Essay Contest should be sent thebarns@indianastatefair.com.



Category Description and Guidelines

Drawing and Painting

Guidelines for submissions:

1. Submissions must be original and may include original pencil (charcoal, lead, color, etc.) drawings or sketches, or original paintings (watercolor, oil, etc.)
2. All artwork must be flat and may not be more than ½ inch thick.
3. Artwork may not exceed 24x30 inches including the mat, if used.
4. Paper or canvas entries should be mounted on sturdy material, preferably cardboard mats.
5. Words and letters are acceptable if used to enhance or as part of the artwork itself.
6. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.

Drawing and painting pieces will not be sent back to artist.

Sculpture or 3D Pieces

Guidelines for submissions:

1. Submissions must be original, and may include any medium including but not limited to clay, agricultural products, Paper Mache, etc.
2. All pieces must be made of non-perishable media.
3. Pieces may not have a base that exceeds 24x30 inches or exceed a height of 36 inches.
4. Words and letters are acceptable if used to enhance or as part of the piece itself.
5. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.

Sculpture and 3D pieces will not be sent back to artist.

Creative Essay

Guidelines submissions:

1. Essay should be double spaced, 12 pt, Arial font, with 1" margins, and a maximum of 1500 words.
2. Essay uses Indiana Agricultural facts to creatively educate the Indiana State Fair visitor about the topic. All facts need to be properly cited as references.
3. Essay should contain a fictional character and story line utilizing agricultural facts that pertain to the subject matter.
4. Essay should have a creative title that draws interest to reading the essay.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged by a panel of judges that will include all or part of the following: representatives from the Indiana State Fair Commission, Dow AgroSciences, the Center for Agriculture Science and Heritage board and professional consultants in the areas of creative writing and visual arts. Judging will be based on representation of the **"Year of the Farmer"** theme and quality of work. Decisions of the judges concerning any and all matters with respect to this contest shall be final. Judging rubrics are posted at

www.thebarnsatindianastatefairgrounds.com.