

ESSAY PREMIUMS 1st - \$100 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25 4th - \$10

## **ESSAY RULES & INFORMATION**

• General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department. They can be found at the back of this chapter.

- One entry per exhibitor.
- Competition is open to residents of North Carolina only.
- Paper entry form are at the end of this section. Forms and essay can be mailed to: NC State Fair Entry Office 1010 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-1010
- The State of North Carolina will require submission of a NC Substitute W-9 prior to making any payment of \$600 or greater or any payment that results in a total of \$600 or more during one calendar year from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to any individual or entity. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to complete and upload the NC Substitute W-9 form to prevent any delay in receiving premium prize money.
- Pre-registration is required.
- Registration deadline is: Monday, September 15, 2025 by 5 pm.
- Essay submittal deadline is: Friday, September 26, 2025 by 5 pm.
- Submit questions to: ncsfcompetitions@ncagr.gov

## **DIVISION 101 - ESSAY**

## Class

- 01 Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Explain in 40 words or less and draw a picture that shows what makes you happy about the Fair!
- 02 3rd through 5th Grade Essay - 150 words or less. Write an essay about "There's No Time Like Fair Time"
- 03 6th through 8th Grade Essay - 500 words or less, must cite sources. America 250 Celebration, write an essay about "Why American State Fairs are Important to Our Communities"
- 04 9th through 12th Grade Essay 500-650 words, must cite sources. Write an essay about "How Agriculture Impacts Your Everyday Life"

