

East Tennessee FFA WLC Scholarship Essay Contest

2018 Topic: Drones aren't new technology by any means, they have been used commercially since the early 1980s. Thanks to robust investments it appears their time has arrived—especially in agriculture. With agricultural consumption increasing by nearly 70 percent over the next 30 years and extreme weather events on the rise – which issue (including but not limited to safety, data privacy, insurance coverage, etc.) is slowing their adaptation and why?

The purpose of the Essay Contest is to highlight the writing skills in members and select two members to represent East TN at WLC. By incorporating this event as part of the Agricultural Education curriculum, students will write in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purpose. The essay will be graded on content, grammar, and mechanics.

Rules

1. The topic of the essay will be chosen annually. This topic will be focused around a current agricultural issue which may be of interest to the agriculture community and the general public. Any essay not written about the assigned topic will be disqualified. The essay is to be written in a technical or factual manner; opinionated papers will not be scored. The purpose of each paper is to enlighten, explain, or instruct.
2. Each contestant's essay will be the result of the student's own efforts. The attached sheet declares the effort is the sole work of the student. It must be signed by the student, chapter advisor, and parent in an effort to ensure honesty and must be submitted with the essay.
3. All contestants should give credit to others where any direct quotes, phrases, or special data are used in the essay, in order not to be guilty of plagiarism. Footnotes are not necessary, but may be used, and references may be made in the content of the essay.
4. Essays must include a bibliography of references, regardless of content or length, and a title page including Title of Essay, Name of Student, Teacher name, and Chapter. (**Title page and bibliography are not counted in the length of essay.**) Essays without a title page and bibliography will not be scored.
5. The essay must have 1" margins, be doubled spaced, be typed in 12-point font, and a maximum of **1000 words**. The pages must also be numbered along with the contestant's name and chapter at the top of each page.
6. The contest is open to any current freshman, sophomore, or junior currently enrolled in an East Tennessee Agriculture Education Program. The member and the chapter must be "in good standing" at the time of application for consideration. (In good standing, in this case, is defined as the student and chapter having paid all applicable local, region, state, or national dues.)
7. The two selected winners will be awarded a WLC scholarship. This scholarship only includes the cost charged by National FFA to register for WLC. No travel or spending money will be provided. The verification form also includes a section stating the chapter, parents, and student are aware that travel to and from WLC is not the responsibility of East Tennessee FFA.
8. The top 5 entrants will be ranked. This is to ensure that East TN FFA will be represented at WLC.
9. The essay must be submitted via Dropbox before 4:00 pm eastern time on April 12, 2018 using the following link.
https://script.google.com/macros/s/AKfycbyH6ulMuRzXXiGJHuy2LbQnL4s0HN_pt8Xxl9o7YVVIRTg_Pg/exec

East Tennessee FFA WLC Essay Contest Verification

(Must be completed and attached to essay.)

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Essay Title: _____

I, _____, do hereby attest that the attached essay is solely my work. I received no help in the research, planning, or writing of this essay. I have given credit where it is due throughout the essay and have attached a complete bibliography. I realize that if I am found guilty of having plagiarized material in my essay, I am subject to the appropriate consequences.

Student's Signature

Date

As Chapter Advisor, I have read the essay and agree that it appears free from plagiarism and is solely the work of the contestant. I am aware that East Tennessee FFA is only awarding the cost of the WLC scholarship.¹ I further agree that travel arrangements will be made by my school, myself, the parents, and the student to attend WLC should the student win the contest.

Advisor Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of _____, I am aware of my child's participation in this contest. I have read the attached essay and agree that it appears free of plagiarism and is solely the work of my child. I am aware that East Tennessee FFA is only awarding the cost of the WLC scholarship.¹ I further agree that travel arrangements will be made by my school, myself, the advisor, and the student to attend WLC should the student win the contest.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

¹In the event the chosen student/s cannot attend due to circumstances beyond their control, the next ranking contestant will be given the opportunity to attend. Every effort should be made to register early and confirm early if the student cannot attend.

² East Tennessee FFA will reimburse the FFA chapter the amount of WLC registration once the registration has been made by the chapter and the receipt has been sent to the region treasurer.