2013
Kentucky Equine Youth Festival
Essay Contest

The Kentucky Equine Youth Festival contributing sponsors proudly present an opportunity for elementary, middle and high school students throughout Kentucky to demonstrate their creative writing talent.

2013 Essay Contest Theme: ***What Horses Mean to Kentucky***

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Awards sponsored by the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP)

1st Place $50 Amazon gift card
2nd Place $30 Amazon gift card
3rd Place $20 Amazon gift card

1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners will be chosen at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Essay Contest Guidelines:

1. Each individual school should hold its own local competition and select one entry that will compete at the state level. The contest is open to all Kentucky students in grades K-12.

For example: A elementary school holds a competition open to all grades and selects one overall winner from the school to compete at the state level.

2. State essay contest is limited to one entry per school.

3. Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) reserves the right to display student work according to available resources and in relation to the size, material, weight and content of the student essay.

4. Written essays that are not acceptable in a school district due to policy and practice also are not acceptable at the state level. If an essay violates internal health and safety regulations, the work will not be displayed. Schools submitting student essays are responsible for this compliance.

5. Schools must submit the essay entry with a completed entry form. All sections of the entry form must be completed to be eligible for consideration.

6. School must submit their essay entry by 4:30 p.m. ET February 15, 2013 to be eligible for consideration.

7. Essay entries must be submitted by mail to Kentucky Equine Youth Festival Essay Contest, ATTN: Cara Stewart, 4037 Ironworks Parkway, Suite130, Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

Essay Judging Criteria:

1. Essay entry is limited to 250 words.
2. All entries may be hand-written and/or typed.
3. All entries must be double-spaced.
4. Student and school names shall not appear anywhere in the body of the essay.
5. Essays will be judged on use of theme – What Horses Mean to Kentucky.
6. Essays will be scored on structure, development, persuasiveness, overall cohesiveness, spelling and sentence structure.
7. Essays may contain illustrations but the inclusion of illustrations will not be considered in the overall scoring of the essay.

If you have any questions please contact Brigette Stacy, KDE, via e-mail at Brigette.stacy@education.ky.gov or by phone at 502-564-4201.

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Essay Contest Entry Form

All sections must be completed and be included with school entry. All entries must be postmarked no later than 4:30 p.m. ET February 15, 2013.

Student Name:

Student Grade:

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____/_____/_____

School Name:

School Principal:

School Address:

City, State, Zip:

School Phone number:

Sponsoring School Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____/_____/_____

Mail entries to: **Kentucky Equine Youth Festival Art Contest**
ATTN: Cara Stewart
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Lexington, Kentucky 40511

Essay will not be returned. If you would like to have essay entry returned, please include appropriate, self-addressed, postage paid label on a return envelope.