



Beekeeping Essay Contest 2020

Registration for the 2020 Beekeeping Essay contest is now open!

ABOUT

Each year, Georgia 4-H and the University of Georgia's Entomology Department organize the 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. This contest is a national competition offered by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. The University of Georgia's Entomology Department will determine the top three essays in Georgia and send the first ranked winner on to compete on the national level, competing against states across the nation. The national winner will be announced June 1, 2020.

DEADLINE

All Essay submissions will be due on March 18th, 2020 at 5 pm. Essay submissions should be emailed to George Wurst, State 4-H Events Student Assistant at George.Wurst@uga.edu. State winners will be announced by the April 1st.

ELIGIBILITY

The 2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only. Any 4-H Club member who placed first, second or third in previous years of the national competition is NOT eligible to win in 2020, however, state competition winners remain eligible to enter the national competition. Entered essays must encompass the designated topic only. There will be no exceptions.

ESSAY TOPIC

2020 Essay Topic: Overwintering: Bee Survival through the Cold Season

Honey bees have developed special skills to overwinter in the United States. Please discuss one of these skills and then include a discussion about what you do to prepare your hives for winter. Include a photo of one of your hives, either using infrared technology or showing winter wrap, hay bales, special feeders, etc. to demonstrate how you prepare your hives for winter.



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CONTEST RULES

- Essay must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in legible font face.
- Essay must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited or the writer's biographical statement.
- All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography" list.
- Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.
- On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address and phone number.

AWARDS

State winners will be recognized and receive the following prize amounts:

1st Place- \$250

2nd Place- \$100

3rd Place- \$50

In addition to the \$250 prize, the first place winner will have their essay submitted to the national competition for judging.

National Awards:

1st Place- \$750

2nd Place- \$500

3rd Place- \$250

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information regarding the Beekeeping Essay Contest can be found at <http://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays/2020-essays>.



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