

*Department S2*

# ESSAYS & POEMS

## 2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1**

### DROP OFF

All entries must be added online on FairEntry or mailed to the Fair Office.

### PICK UP DAYS

Monday, October 12: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 13: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS OFFICE

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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**A COMPETITION!**

# FAQs & ENTRY INFORMATION

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Can I mail in my exhibit(s)?** **No, all essays and poems must be uploaded to Fair Entry when filling out the entry form.**

**Does the essay need to be written on a certain topic?** Yes, all essays and poems must follow the theme. This year the theme is “**Patriotic.**”

**Where will my exhibit(s) be displayed at the fair?** Essays and Poems are displayed in the Event Center.

**How do I pick up my exhibit(s) after the fair?** All entries **MUST** be picked up on **Monday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** No items will be removed before October 12. All items will be discarded after October 13. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## NEW CLASSES

No new classes in Department S2: Essays & Poems.

# PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- A ribbon is a badge of merit, and in no case should be attached to an article or animal where meritorious qualities are lacking.
- The following colors will be used to designate awards:
  - **Judge's Choice:** Red, White and Blue
  - **First Place:** Blue
  - **Second Place:** Red
  - **Third Place:** White
- If awarded, all ribbons must be picked up following the Fair (October 12-13).
- Premiums will be paid only from the judging results records and **NOT** from the ribbon or tags on exhibits.
- Errors or omissions in premium payments not reported to the Fair Administrative Office by December 31, 2026, will **NOT** be paid.



# CATEGORIES: ESSAYS

THEME: 

## JUDGING CRITERIA

- **Quality of Expression:** 35 pts
  - **Sincerity:** 25 pts
  - **Originality:** 25 pts
  - **Neatness:** 15 pts
- Total:** 100 points

## SECTION 100

**PREMIUMS: 1ST: \$12 | 2ND: \$10 | 3RD: \$8**

001. Grades 1-2

002. Grades 3-4



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*(Selected from 1st place winners of categories below)*

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003. Grades 5-6

004. Grades 7-8

005. Grades 9-12



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006. Adults 19 and older

007. Seniors 55 and older



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# CATEGORIES: POEMS

THEME:  **PATRIOTIC**

## JUDGING CRITERIA

- **Creativity:** 50 pts
  - **Narrative/Rhyme:** 30 pts
  - **Neatness:** 20 pts
- Total:** 100 points

## SECTION 101

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