

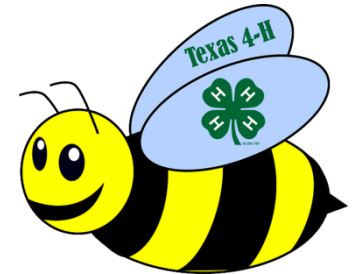
2016
TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST
RULES AND GUIDELINES

Deadline: January 8, 2016

Submit Electronically via Formsite:

<https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/2016BeekeepingEssay/index.html>

Winners will be announced the week of February 15, 2016



The 2016 Essay Topic has been announced by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

This year's topic is **"Bees and Pollination. How Important is it?"**

Beekeeping has had its five minutes of fame for the past five years. Now more than ever, people are asking "What will happen if the bees are gone?" Your paper should include research that will help answer this question. Survey your community to see what is being done. Include your state in your survey to see if there are any programs they are using for pollination or any other program that could aid the honey bee.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or "Bibliography" list.

Note that "honey bee" is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.



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AWARDS:

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners from Texas 4-H:

- 1st Place: \$300.00
- 2nd Place: \$200.00
- 3rd Place: \$100.00

Texas Contest Sponsored by: Alamo Area Beekeepers Assn., Central Texas Beekeepers Assn., Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Assn., Concho Valley Beekeepers Assn., Dino-Bee Beekeepers Assn., East Texas Beekeepers Assn., Harris County Beekeepers Assn., Marshall Beekeeping Assn., Trinity Valley Beekeepers Assn., and Williamson County Area Beekeepers Assn.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners for National:

- 1st Place: \$750.00
- 2nd Place: \$500.00
- 3rd Place: \$250.00

National Contest Sponsored by: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

TEXAS CONTEST RULES:

This contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Previous Texas winners are eligible to enter the 2016 contest, as long as they have not placed first, second, or third at the national level in the past.

Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay)

- Write on the designated subject only.
- Preparation for National Judging: Typewritten or computer-generated double-spaced, 12pt. Times or similar type style, on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.
- Must submit an essay, 750 to 1000 words, on the essay topic.
- All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including birthdate, gender, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
- 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%.
- Essay along with the certification form must be submitted online via Formsite by **January 8, 2016**.

NATIONAL CONTEST INFORMATION:

- Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
- National Winners will be announced by the **week of May 2nd, 2016**.
- All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.
- The National winners' essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation's Newsletter.
- Each State Winner, including the National winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.



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CERTIFICATION FORM**

This form must be attached along with the essay and uploaded to FormSite.

Award Program Entered: Beekeeping Essay Contest Year: 2016

Name: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District: _____ County: _____

4-H Club Name: _____ Email: _____

STATEMENT BY 4-H MEMBER

I certify that I am an active 4-H Club member in Texas and that I have not previously placed first, second, or third at the national level.

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(4-H Member)

APPROVAL OF THIS REPORT: *We have reviewed this report and believe it is correct.*

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(County Agent)



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