

2010 Farm-City State Poster Contest

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As with past poster and essay themes, “Agriculture: A Growing Story: also gives students a chance to explore the interdependence of farms and cities.

The contest is sponsored by the Farm-City Committee of Alabama, P.O. Box 11000, Montgomery, AL 36191-0001, in cooperation with Alabama Ag in the Classroom and Alabama Farmers Cooperative. More information for teachers and students is available online at www.AlfaFarmers.org, www.AlabamaAITC.org and www.AgEducate.org or by contacting your local Alabama Cooperative Extension System office.

State winners in the poster and essay contests will be featured in the Alabama Farm-City Committee’s 2012 Farm-City Calendar.

Eligibility and Rules

1. Entry is open to all students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade and **must be the original work of the student.**
2. There are two categories of competition: K-3 grades and 4 – 6 grades. First and Second Place winners will be names in each category.
3. Posters must relate to the theme.
4. Posters must be on display during the month of November in a shopping mall, library, retail businesses, or other place of public view.
5. The size should be horizontal with the length no greater than 28 inches and height no greater than 22 inches. It should be no smaller than 14 inches in length and 11 inches high. Standard thickness poster paper is preferred. (Vertical posters will be judged but NOT considered for the calendar due to format requirements.

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6. Any flat medium can be used (such as pen and pencil, crayon, watercolor, ink, oil but no three-dimensional posters such as gluing products on to a poster) will be eligible.
7. Each student is required to complete the enclosed information form and attach it to each poster entry.
8. **All entries will be judged first at the County Farm-City committee level with the first place winter in each country being submitted to the State Farm-City Committee. One entry per division, per county may be submitted for judging at the state level.**
9. Criteria for judging include: creativity, originality, neatness, overall appearance and relevance to the theme.
10. Deadline for entry at the County level is October 8, 2010. **Winners will be notified by phone.**
11. Entries become the property of the Farm-City Committee of Alabama and may be photographed or reproduced in a calendar or any other publication as the Committee sees fit without further permission or monetary consideration.

State Awards in Each Category

FIRST PLACE: \$200 Cash

Student's Classroom: \$200 Cash

SECOND PLACE: \$100 Cash

Student's Classroom: \$100 Cash

County Awards

FIRST PLACE: \$35.00

SECOND PLACE: \$25.00

For further information, contact Debbie Freeland: 865-4378

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Farm-City Poster Contest

Date: _____
County: _____

Grade: _____
Age: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Parent's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Teacher's Name: (First & Last) _____

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Eligibility and Rules

1. Division I is open to all students in grades 7 – 9.
Division II is open to all students in grades 10 – 12.
2. First and second place winners will be named.
3. Essays must relate to the theme.
4. Each student is required to complete the enclosed information form and attach it to each essay entry.
5. **All entries will be judged first at the County Farm-City Committee level with the first place winner in each county being submitted to the State Farm-City Committee. One entry per division, per county may be submitted for judging at the state level.**
6. Criteria: Essay should be 500 – 1000 words, neatly typed, and double-spaced, on 8 ½ x 11, white paper. They will be judged on:
 1. Content Title
 - Topic Sentence**
 - Adherence to topic**
 - Accuracy of Information**
 - Supporting details**
 - Appearance**
 - Originality**
 - Reader Appeal**

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2. Mechanics

Grammar
Punctuation
Sentence Structure
Capitalization
Spelling

3. Organization

Clarity
Flow of Material
Conclusion

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8. All Entries may be used at the discretion of the AG in the Classroom Steering Committee and the Farm-City Committee of Alabama without further permission or monetary consideration.

State Awards in Each Category

FIRST PLACE: \$300 Cash

Student's classroom: \$300 Cash

SECOND PLACE: \$200 Cash

Student's Classroom: \$200 Cash

County Awards

FIRST PLACE: \$35.00

SECOND PLACE: \$25.00

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Farm-City Essay Contest

Date: _____
County: _____

Grade: _____
Age: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Parent's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Teacher's Name: (First & Last) _____

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