

2010 ESSAY CONTEST

American Agriculture: Traditions and Innovations

George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

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Call

for essays analyzing the scientific, economic or historical impact of American agriculture on Texas and the world. The student may analyze how an American agricultural tradition or innovation has impacted the lives of people either locally or nationally or globally. The student may analyze specific examples, i.e., did an agricultural innovation present a new technology that contributed to social change? Support of the student's viewpoint needs to be noted with research and citing of sources that were used. Please provide a reference list of sources on a separate page.

- *Plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and will disqualify an entry. If you have concerns about copyright issues, please contact the Education Department.*
- Students in grades 4-12 in the fifteen counties of Region VI, Education Service Center, are invited to participate. The counties are Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Milam, Montgomery, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, & Washington.
- *Five entries per homeroom teacher per campus may be submitted.*
- **Format:** Typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font, standard margins.
Front page upper right corner: Student's name, grade, teacher, school.
If the essay has more than one page, the additional pages need the student's name and page number in the upper right corner.
Bibliography of all sources on an attached page.
- **Essays in excess of these page length guidelines will be disqualified:**
9th to 12th Grades: Three to four full pages.
6th to 8th Grades: Two to three full pages.
4th & 5th Grades: One page to two full pages.
- All students and parents/guardians must sign a permission slip.
- The First Place essays become part of the archives of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum (GBPLM). The archives' copyright and ownership is held by the GBPLM which has the right to agree to use of the essay in publications, exhibits in galleries/offices, and for fundraising purposes.

Jurors

Warren Finch, Library & Museum Director, GBPLM
Shirley Hammond, Education Director, GBPLM
Barbara Orville, Education Docent, GBPLM

Awards

4 First Place Awards for 9th to 12th Grade students:
\$100.00 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble, College Station.
4 First Place Awards for 6th to 8th Grade students:
\$ 75.00 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble, College Station.
4 First Place Awards for 4th & 5th Grade students:
\$ 50.00 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble, College Station.

First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention trophies provided by Awards & More, Bryan.

Delivery Information

Dates: Wednesday, March 3, or Thursday, March 4, 2010, the final postmark date.

Time: 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. (refreshments provided)

Place: Either deliver entries in person or send by mail to the Education Dept., GBPLM,
1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station, TX 77845

Arrangements may be made for early submission in February of all entries.

All students and parents/guardians must sign and date the permission slip below. Please attach all of this information:

The children of employees and other personnel working at the GBPLM are not eligible to enter the contest.

PERMISSION SLIP

I hereby agree to:

1. submit my original artwork/essay to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum (GBPLM) for critiquing and judging;
2. permit the GBPLM to display, reproduce or otherwise use my original work for any purpose (and permit others to do so);
3. grant permission to the GBPLM to list the student's name, grade, school and I.S.D. for all future activities using this work; and
4. grant and convey title and copyright of my work to the GBPLM, should the work be judged a First Place winner. Such work will become part of the GBPLM's permanent collection.

Student signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Student's name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Title of entry _____

Teacher _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

School _____

Address _____

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony for the Art and Essay Contests will be Thursday, April 14, 2010, at 4:15 p.m. in the Annenberg Presidential Library Conference Center followed by a reception. Tour reservations prior to the ceremony may be made by calling (979) 691-4006.

The 2010 Outstanding Educator Awards will be presented *with appreciation for consistently supporting the enrichment and creativity of students through outstanding dedication, inspiration and encouragement above and beyond the classroom.*

This contest is funded by Wells Fargo Bank of Texas with gift certificates provided by Barnes & Noble of College Station and trophies provided by Awards & More of Bryan.