



Risk Management Essay Contest

2008 Official Rules of Entry

The Risk Management Essay Contest encourages students in agricultural education to become aware of risks in production agriculture and to help them to develop an understanding of the principles and tools of risk management.

Chapters are encouraged to submit multiple entries.

Rules of Entry

1. Entrants must be current FFA members in good standing.

2. All Entries:

- Must be in the form of a **personal essay** on the topic of risk management strategies used in a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAE). Students should analyze the risks involved in their SAE, describe their risk management strategy and indicate which “tools” were used to minimize risk and how they were applied.
 - Essays must be 3-7 pages in length, **no less than** 1,000 words.
 - Essays must be typed using a 12 point font, double-spaced and on plain white paper.
 - Essays must be the original work of the student.
- Must include a **cover page** with the following information:
 - Entrant’s name and current grade
 - Home address and home telephone number
 - FFA chapter name, chapter address, advisor’s name, and school telephone number
 - **Entries with incomplete cover pages will be disqualified!**
- Must include a **1 page outline or narrative description** of the entrant’s SAE.
 - The outline does not count in the 1,000 word requirement.
 - **Entries that do not include an SAE description will be disqualified!**
- Must include a **bibliography**.
 - Bibliography must cite at least two references. (*Introduction to Risk Management* may be used as one of these references.)
 - **Entries that do not include a bibliography will be disqualified!**
- **Must be postmarked by January 31, 2008.**

Winners

- Ten national winning essays will be selected on the basis of content, adherence to the assigned topic, grammar, organization, originality and creativity.
- Each of the ten winners and his or her advisor will travel to Washington, D.C., all expenses paid, for a special USDA Risk Management Agency/FFA Day in April/May 2008. While in Washington, students and advisors will meet with USDA officials and members of Congress and be recognized in a special ceremony. Lodging, transportation and meal costs will be covered for each student winner and his or her advisor.
- A list of the top ten winners will appear in *FFA New Horizons* magazine, *Making a Difference* newsletter and www.ffa.org.

**Send Entries to: Risk Management Essay Contest
National FFA Organization
PO Box 68960
Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960**

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