

2019
TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST
RULES AND GUIDELINES

Deadline Sunday, February 3, 2019

Submit Electronically via Texas 4H CONNECT :
Event : State – 2019 Beekeeping Essay Contest

Winners will be announced the week of February 18, 2019



The 2019 Essay Topic has been announced by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

This year's topic is **"Honey Varietals, State to State"**

Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. **Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal.**

In your essay, please **include a photo of the varietal's flower**, an **interview with a local beekeeper** who collects this varietal and a **recipe that highlights the varietal**.

An essential judging criterion is the scope of research you put forth in developing the ideas behind your essay—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.

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: \$100.00
- 2nd Place: \$75.00
- 3rd Place: \$50.00

Texas 4-H Contest Sponsored by : A complete list of sponsors will be sent to participants for thank you purposes by February 22, 2019.

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 2019 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)

- Essay must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in legible font face.
- Essay must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words.
- All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a “resources” or “bibliography” list.
- 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%.
- On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the author including mailing address, email address and telephone number.
- Essay must be submitted online via Texas 4-H Connect by midnight **Sunday, February 3, 2019**

NATIONAL CONTEST INFORMATION: <https://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays>

- Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
- Deadline by states for National Submission is **March 1, 2019**.
- National Winners will be announced by the **week of May 6, 2019**.
- 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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