

**2024  
TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST  
RULES AND GUIDELINES**

**Deadline Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Submit Electronically via Texas 4HOnline:**  
Event : State – 2024 Beekeeping Essay Contest

Winners will be announced the week of April 29, 2023



The 2024 Essay Topic has been announced by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

**2024 Essay Topic: Varietal Honeys**

For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions: What makes a varietal honey? What are some unique varietals? How are some of the valuable varietals confirmed to be authentic (e.g., Manuka honey UMF and MGO)? What are some culturally or economically important varietals and why are they important?

**Essay Requirements for National Judging:**

1. Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in a legible font face.
2. Essays must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited, or the writer's biographical statement.
3. All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography."
4. 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%.
5. On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address, and phone number.
6. Essay must be submitted online via 4HOnline by midnight **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

## **AWARDS:**

Awards will be provided to the top three winners from Texas 4-H:

## **TEXAS CONTEST RULES:**

This contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Previous Texas winners are eligible to enter the 2024 contest, if they have not placed first, second, or third at the national level in the past.

## **NATIONAL CONTEST INFORMATION:** <http://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 **May 1, 2024**
- National Winners will be announced by the **week of June 15, 2024**.
- 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 three prize-winning essays will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation
- All authors of essays submitted to the national competition will receive a relevant book on honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

## **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.

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