



2020 Essay Contest Guidelines

Practice your writing skills by participating in the essay contest.
Perhaps Ag Journalism is in your future?

- Below are the essay topics for each age division (age as of January 1st, 2020):

JUNIORS (Age 8-10)

- Explain what pigs eat and why there are so many pigs raised in Iowa.

INTERMEDIATE (Age 11-14)

- Explain why it is so important that we keep African Swine Fever out of the United States and describe two things the pork industry in the US is doing to keep the disease out.

SENIOR (Age 15-18)

- You're at a BBQ where pork burgers and brats are on the menu. One of your friends says they won't eat the burgers and brats because they only eat plant-based protein, like Impossible burgers and plant-based sausages. What three reasons would you give to explain why you'll continue to eat meat?

- Essay Word Count (length): Juniors 200+, Intermediate 350+, Senior 500+
- Entries must be submitted to Kelsey Byrnes, kbyrnes@iowapork.org by Monday, February 10th, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
- There will be 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- The top three highest placing individuals in each division will be awarded with the following items:
 - 1st—**55 points** toward sweepstakes.
 - 2nd—**45 points** toward sweepstakes.
 - 3rd—**35 points** toward sweepstakes.

All essay participants will receive 25 points for the sweepstakes