2025 Kentucky Agriculture
Poster & Essay Contest

Official Entry Form

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Eligibility

- The poster and essay contests are open to all Kentucky students in grades K through 12.
- Student may submit either a poster, essay, or digital submission about the theme for the contest. Only one entry per student.
- Individuals can submit an entry or a school/class can send them in together.
- Each submission must be accompanied by a completed entry form taped or glued to the back.
- All artwork and writing material must be exclusively student-created without AI assistance.
- Children of Kentucky Department of Agriculture employees and Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom board members are ineligible to participate.
- Entries become the property of the KDA/KyAEC and may be used at events and in publicity materials. Entries are not guaranteed to be returned.

Awards

- Winners will be notified by Friday, April 18, 2025.
- Each statewide grade winner and one digital art winner will receive a $100 award and be recognized at the 2025 Poster and Essay Awards Ceremony, date, and location TBD.
- Essays and posters may be featured in various department publications, online, and special events, including the 2025 Kentucky State Fair.

Resources

- To learn about Kentucky agriculture and to prepare for your submission, please visit:
  https://www.teachkyag.org/poster-and-essay-contest
- For more information go to www.kyagr.com/agcontest or contact Bethany Mattingly with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture by phone at 502-782-4125 or by email at bethany.mattingly@ky.gov

Submitting Entries

- Entries must be postmarked by Friday, **March 7, 2025**.
- Please address entries to:
  Kentucky Department of Agriculture
  Poster and Essay Contest
  111 Corporate Drive
  Frankfort, KY 40601.
- The entry form MUST be glued or taped to the back of each poster/essay and the Official Entry Form must accompany all posters/essays if you are submitting multiple entries or an entire class.
- **Submission Checklist**
  - Does each poster or essay have the theme included in the title?
  - Does each essay have the word count listed on the individual Entry Form?
  - Is the Entry Form attached to the back of each individual entry?

Criteria

Poster

- Draw a picture demonstrating the contest theme "Kentucky Agriculture Makes Me Proud." This theme must be written within the artwork to be eligible for an award.
- Each drawing should be in color. Preferably colors that are bright and reproduce well. Writing should also be legible.
- Each picture should be drawn on white poster board, illustration board, or heavy paper like card stock. The overall dimensions can be a minimum of 8.5 inches by 11 inches, a maximum of 14 inches by 22 inches.
- All artwork must be original. No copyrighted characters or clip art. No AI generated images.
- Do not use glitter or any other 3-dimensional object. Nothing may be glued, stapled, or attached to the artwork except the Entry Form on the back, which should only be glued or taped.
- Chalk, charcoal, and pastel must be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing.
- Folded posters will not be accepted. Artwork should be packed and wrapped flat.
- Attach entry form with glue or tape to the back of your poster.

Digital Art

- This category will only have one-1st place winner for the state, (not for each grade).
- Your submission should demonstrate the contest theme "Kentucky Agriculture Makes Me Proud." This theme must be included within the artwork to be eligible for an award.
- Dimensions should be a minimum of 8.5 inches by 11 inches.
- Entries must be submitted in a printed format.
- Entries can be photographs, clipart and/or original digital artwork. Any form of digital art, but should not be originated by AI.
- Attach entry form with glue or tape to the back of your submission.

Essay

- Hand write or type an essay describing the contest theme; please include the theme "Kentucky Agriculture Makes Me Proud" in your essay title.
- Students in grades K through 12 should submit an essay 500 words or less. Word count must be included on the Entry Form.
- Students may not dictate their essay to a student or parent but help with grammar and spelling is allowed. Handwriting should be legible.
- Attach Entry Form with glue or tape to the back of your essay.

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Please provide this cover sheet with your entries, one sheet per class. Individuals do not have to fill this form out. Attach cover sheet securely and make sure each student has a form on the back of their entry.

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Please address entries to:
Kentucky Department of Agriculture
Poster and Essay Contest
111 Corporate Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601.

Teacher_____

Email Address _____

School Name _____

School Address_____

School Phone _____

Teacher Phone _____

Student Entries

Student Name	Grade	Student Name	Grade	Student Name	Grade
1.		12.		23.	
2.		13.		24.	
3.		14.		25.	
4.		15.		26.	
5.		16.		27.	
6.		17.		28.	
7.		18.		29.	
8.		19.		30.	
9.		20.		31	
10.		21.		32.	
11.		22.		33.	

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Make as many copies as needed- each entry must be accompanied by this form and ALL information filled out in order to be considered in the contest. Glue or tape the below information form to the back of each entry submitted. Please do not staple.

Student's Name: _____

Circle Grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher Email: _____

Title of Entry: Kentucky Agriculture Makes Me Proud

Essay Word Count: _____

Student's Name: _____

Circle Grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher Email: _____

Title of Entry: Kentucky Agriculture Makes Me Proud

Essay Word Count: _____

Student's Name: _____

Circle Grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher Email: _____

Title of Entry: Kentucky Agriculture Makes Me Proud

Essay Word Count: _____

Student's Name: _____

Circle Grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher Email: _____

Title of Entry: Kentucky Agriculture Makes Me Proud

Essay Word Count: _____

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