

**Florida Future Educators of America
Annual State Conference
“Teach...it’s a Choice and an Adventure!”
January 29-31, 2016**

Student Essay Competition

Student Essay Competition Entry Form

Student Information

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City District Zip Code

Telephone: _____

Chapter Information

Chapter Name: _____

Chapter Address: _____
Street

City District Zip Code

Telephone: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

School Category: High (_____) Postsecondary (_____)

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature (*If student is under 18*) _____ Date _____

Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

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ELIGIBILITY:

- Entries will be categorized and judged according to the school level (high school and postsecondary).
- **Only one student's essay PER CHAPTER will be considered.** Each chapter must select one essay to represent them. If multiple essays are received, they will be disqualified.
- Students entering the essay competition are expected to register for and be present at the conference.
- Students are expected to bring printed copies of their essays with them to the conference. **First place winners should be prepared to read their essays at the Sunday awards ceremony.**

TOPIC:

Teach...it's a Choice and an Adventure!

GUIDELINES:

- Entries must be at least two pages and must not exceed three pages in length.
- Essay must be typed, double spaced, with 1 inch margins using a font no smaller than 12 point.
- Member name, chapter name and grade level must be identified on a cover page attached to the essay.
- If sources are used for the essay, they must be identified on a "Works Cited" page.
- Essay must be on the topic specified above.

SCORING:

- The essay will be scored using the attached rubric. The points from each category will be totaled in order to determine a winner. The maximum total number of points possible is 100.
- The first, second and third place winners will be announced during the closing session on Sunday.

DEADLINE:

Submit the completed essay and entry form to the FFEA State Coordinator by email (edrecruit@fldoe.org) no later than **Friday, November 20, 2015.**

FFEA Student Essay Competition Scoring Rubric

Student Name: _____

Total Points: _____ out of 100

Chapter Name: _____

Is the essay related to the prompt?

YES

NO

(If yes, continue with the scoring process. If no, do not continue with the scoring process.)

If there are sources used for the essay, they are identified on a "Works Cited" page.

YES

NO

(If yes, continue with the scoring process. If no, do not continue with the scoring process.)

Guidelines

Is the essay typed in the correct format?

0-5 pts _____

Is the essay at least two pages and does not exceed three pages in length?

0-5 pts _____

Essay Content & Organization

The writing is focused, purposeful and demonstrates insight and thought into the topic.

0-15 pts _____

The organizational pattern provides for a logical progression of ideas. The effective use of transitions throughout gives the writing a sense of completeness.

0-15 pts _____

The development of support of the topic is substantial, specific, relevant and concrete.

0-10 pts _____

The writing has a definite voice and a freshness of expression and uses creative writing strategies such as rich vocabulary and sentence structure.

0-10 pts _____

Mechanics/Grammar

Sentence structure is accurate.

0-10 pts _____

Punctuation is used correctly.

0-10 pts _____

Spelling is error free.

0-10 pts _____

Grammar is used correctly.

0-10 pts _____

Judge's Comments:
