

## 4-H Written Communications Contest



### Categories



1. Songwriting

2. Poetry

(3 line minimum and 25 line maximum)

3. "What 4-H Means to Me" Essay

(minimum 500 words)

4. Original Monologue

5. Press Release

6. Public Service Announcement



### Rules and Information

- ♦ Junior Class: Open to any 4-H Member age 9-13 (age as of 1/1/15)
- ♦ Senior Class: Open to any 4-H Member age 14-19 (age as of 1/1/15)
- ♦ Each writing piece must be original
- ♦ Entries due 4:30 p.m. (ct) on January 8th. Entries may be scanned and emailed to Alexandria.bryant@uky.edu or you may mail a hard copy.
- ♦ All Entries are to be on 8" X 11" paper, with entrant's class, name and county on a cover page and last name on every page. Please include scoring guide and entry form at the back of the piece.
- ♦ Entries are to be double-spaced, type with size 12 font white paper. Songs may be single spaced within verses, chorus and bridge and double spaced between each item
- ♦ Winners will be invited to showcase at the Kentucky State Fair. Date TBD
- ♦ Song writing, poetry, press release and public service announcement lessons can be found in national 4-H Curriculum Picking Up the Pieces and Putting it Together. Monologue lesson can be found in national 4-H curriculum Play the Role.

For complete contest rules and forms, please contact 270-756-2182 or alexandria.bryant@uky.edu

## **Sample Coversheet**

Senior Songwriting

Jennifer Tackett

Scott County

## Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Contest Scoring Guide and Entry Form

**Classes:**

(Junior - - Age 9 through 13 as of January 1, this year/Senior - - Age 14 or older as of January 1 this year)

☐ Junior Songwriting ☐ Senior Songwriting. ☐ Junior Poetry ☐ Senior Poetry ☐ Junior Essay☐ Senior Essay ☐ Junior Original Monologue ☐ Senior Original Monologue ☐ Junior Press Release☐ Senior Press Release ☐ Junior PSA ☐ Senior PSA**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yrs. in 4-H:** \_\_\_\_\_**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)\_\_\_\_\_  
(County Extension Agent Signature) (Date)

Please circle the response that most closely represents your feelings about each component of the writing piece.

1= the lowest score, strongly disagree, or low understanding

3= neutral, mediocre, or just ok

5=the highest score, strongly agree, or high understanding

Notes:

Age appropriate	1	2	3	4	5
Creative Title	1	2	3	4	5
Effective Introduction	1	2	3	4	5
Main points well stated	1	2	3	4	5
Theme	1	2	3	4	5
Reader appeal	1	2	3	4	5
Use of Literary techniques	1	2	3	4	5
Imagery	1	2	3	4	5
Choice of Topic	1	2	3	4	5
Vocabulary	1	2	3	4	5
Spelling	1	2	3	4	5
Grammar	1	2	3	4	5
Fluency	1	2	3	4	5
Continuity	1	2	3	4	5
Transitions	1	2	3	4	5
Expressive language	1	2	3	4	5
Original concept	1	2	3	4	5
Rhyming patterns	1	2	3	4	5
Meets contest standards	1	2	3	4	5
Conclusion	1	2	3	4	5

Total points: \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Blue: 100-80

Red: 79-60



White: 59-below

**4-H WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CONTEST  
STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY**

This is to verify that the piece I entered in the 4-H written communications contest is my original work. I further verify that this poem has never been published and has not been submitted to the 4-H contest before this year.

I give permission for my writing piece:

☐ to be submitted for judging.

☐ to be published in local and social media.

☐ to be displayed at the Kentucky State Fair.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/ Guardian signature

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_