

East Tennessee FFA WLC Scholarship Essay Contest 2020

2020 Topic: Burger King is making headlines with its new Impossible Whopper, a burger made with a plant-based, protein-filled patty advertised to satisfy those who want a meat-less option for fast food. This and other cell-based food products have demonstrated the food system is rapidly changing. How can future food technologies be beneficially integrated into modern agricultural production without hampering the success of traditional products and the farmers and ranchers who grow them? Are plant-based food products the future or simply an emerging niche market?

General Guidelines: The purpose of the Essay Contest is to highlight the writing skills in members and select two members to represent East TN at WLC. By incorporating this event as part of the Agricultural Education curriculum, students will write in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purpose. The essay will be graded on content, grammar, and mechanics. Previous winners and those that have previously attended WLC are not eligible to submit an essay. The submission window will be open from Tuesday February 11, 2020 until Wednesday February 19, 2020 at 5:00pm est.

Rules

1. The topic of the essay will be chosen annually. This topic will be focused around a current agricultural issue which may be of interest to the agriculture community and the general public. Any essay not written about the assigned topic will be disqualified. The essay is to be written in a technical or factual manner; opinionated papers will not be scored. The purpose of each paper is to enlighten, explain, or instruct.
2. Each contestant's essay will be the result of the student's own efforts. The attached sheet declares the effort is sole work of the student. It must be signed by the student, chapter advisor, and parent in an effort to ensure honesty and must be submitted with the essay.
3. All contestants should give credit to others where any direct quotes, phrases, or special data are used in the essay, in order not to be guilty of plagiarism. Footnotes are not necessary, but may be used, and references may be made in the content of the essay.

4. Essays must include a bibliography of references, regardless of content or length, and a title page including Title of Essay, Name of Student, Teacher name, and Chapter. (Title page and bibliography are not counted in the length of essay.) Essays without a title page and bibliography will not be scored.

5. The essay will be a maximum of 1000 words.

6. The contest is open to any current freshman, sophomore, or junior currently enrolled in an East Tennessee Agriculture Education Program that has not previously won this contest or attended WLC. The member and the chapter must be "in good standing" at the time of application for consideration. (In good standing, in this case, is defined as the student and chapter having paid all applicable local, region, state, or national dues.)

7. The two selected winners will be awarded a WLC scholarship. This scholarship is limited to \$900 towards the cost charged by National FFA to register for WLC. No travel or spending money will be provided. The verification form also includes a section stating the chapter, parents, and student are aware that travel to and from WLC is not the responsibility of East Tennessee FFA.

8. The top 5 entrants will be ranked. This is to ensure that East TN FFA will be represented at WLC.

In the event the chosen student/s cannot attend due to circumstances beyond their control, the next ranking contestant will be given the opportunity to attend. Every effort should be made to register early and confirm early if the student cannot attend.

2 East Tennessee FFA will reimburse the FFA chapter the amount of WLC registration (up to \$900) once the registration has been made by the chapter and the receipt has been sent to the region treasurer.

East Tennessee FFA WLC Essay Contest Verification (Must be completed and uploaded with essay.)

Name: _____
Chapter: _____

Essay
Title: _____

I, _____, do hereby attest that the attached essay is solely my work. I received no help in the research, planning, or writing of this essay. I have given credit where it is due throughout the essay and have attached a complete bibliography. I realize that if I am found guilty of having plagiarized material in my essay, I am subject to the appropriate consequences.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

As Chapter Advisor, I have read the essay and agree that it appears free from plagiarism and is solely the work of the contestant. I am aware that East Tennessee FFA is only awarding the cost of the WLC scholarship. I further agree that travel arrangements will be made by my school, myself, the parents, and the student to attend WLC should the student win the contest.

Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

As the parent/guardian of _____, I am aware of my child's participation in this contest. I have read the attached essay and agree that it appears free of plagiarism and is solely the work of my child. I am aware that East Tennessee FFA is only awarding the cost of the WLC scholarship. I further agree that travel arrangements will be made by my school, myself, the advisor, and the student to attend WLC should the student win the contest.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____