



AFGC National Youth in Forage Management Essay Contest 2020 Rules and Information

Deadline for 2020 Submissions is December 2, 2019

The American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC) is soliciting entries for its Youth in Forage Management Essay Contest. This contest is funded by the generous support of R.L and Pat Dalrymple and Elstel Farm and Seed of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Prize money is awarded to the top two essays in each category as well as a one-year complimentary AFGC student membership.

- There are two age categories for participants:

The age categories are based on age as of January 1, 2019.

- Category 1) Under 14 years of age; 200 to 400 word essay
 - Category 2) 14 to 18 years of age; 350 to 500 word essay
- Essays are judged with the following criteria: basic essay requirements met, originality, writing quality (grammar, punctuation, style), passion for topic, evidence of forage management knowledge, and interesting to read.

Requirements:

- Essays must be original composition of the entrants.
- Essays must be typed using Times New Roman 12 pt. font. Essay should be single spaced.
- All submissions must include the authors name, address, city, state and zip, phone number and email address (email and phone are optional).
- All submissions should include the age category at the top of the essay and total word count.
- All submissions must be signed and dated by the author.
- If submitted electronically, please send as a **Word document** attachment.
- Subject matter may be anything pertaining to forage management, including but not limited to, personal experiences in grazing or forage management, observation or explanation of forage practices, livestock management on pasture or stored forages, fencing or other equipment related to grazing and forage management, plant or animal species response to grazing management, or any other subject matter related to grazing or forage management.
- A judging panel will judge the essays and all decisions are final.

The deadline for the 2020 Youth in Forage Management Essay Contest is December 2, 2019. Entries should be submitted electronically via e-mail to membership@afgc.org as a Word Document or mail to AFGC, PO Box 867, Berea, KY 40403. For additional information call 800.944.2342.