

# 2004 Risk Management Writing Contest

## **Rules of Entry**

1. Entrants must be current FFA members in good standing.
2. All entries:
  - Must be in the form of a personal essay on the topic of risk management strategies used in a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAE). Students should analyze the risks involved in their SAE, describe their risk management strategy, and indicate which “tools” were used to minimize risk and how they were applied.
  - Must be **no fewer than** 1,000 words
  - Must include a detailed outline or description of the student’s SAE. **Entries that do not include an outline will be disqualified.** *The outline does not count in the 1,000 word requirement.*
  - Must be typed, double-spaced and on plain white paper.
  - Must include a cover page with the entrant's name, age, home address, telephone number, FFA chapter name, FFA chapter address, advisor’s name, and school telephone number. **Entries with incomplete cover pages will be disqualified.**
  - Must be the original work of the student.
  - Must include a bibliography citing at least two references. **Entries that do not include a bibliography will be disqualified.**
  - Must be **postmarked** by **January 31, 2004.**

USDA risk management resources have been sent to each FFA chapter for use in preparation of the student's essay. These resources may be used as one of the required references.

## **Chapters are encouraged to submit multiple entries.**

Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned. All entries become the property of the National FFA Organization. The National FFA Organization reserves the right to use any or all entries for radio, newspaper, magazine, web site or other promotional materials.

## **Winners**

The ten national winning essays will be selected on the basis of content, adherence to the assigned topic, grammar, organization, originality, and creativity.

Each of the ten winners and his or her advisor will travel to Washington, D.C., all expenses paid, for a special USDA-Risk Management Agency-FFA Day in April 2004. While in Washington, students and advisors will meet with USDA officials and members of Congress, and will be recognized in a special ceremony. Lodging, transportation, and meal costs will be covered for each student winner and his or her advisor.

A list of the top ten winners will appear in FFA’s *New Horizons* magazine, *Making a Difference* newsletter, and FFA.org.

## **Send entries to: Risk Management Writing Contest**

**Attn: Risk Management Coordinator  
National FFA Organization  
P.O. Box 68960  
Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960**

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