

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

2025 Essay Contest Rules

TOPIC: "Describe the characteristics that make a winning fair or festival volunteer"?

Rules and Regulations:

1. Essay MUST be at least one (1) page in length.
2. Name of student MUST NOT be written or typed on the essay.
3. Entry Form (see attached) MUST be attached to entry with a paper clip, NOT STAPLED. Entries will not be accepted without entry form attached.
4. Any essays that do not meet the requirements listed here will not be judged.
5. Essay MUST be typed using Times New Roman font in size 12.
6. Requirements for essay content, structure, and other criteria are outlined in the attached rubric. Contestants should use this rubric to guide their writing.
7. Essay must be in the hands of the Chairman no later than January 10, 2025.
8. Essay prizes:
 - 1st: \$150
 - 2nd: \$100
 - 3rd: \$75
9. All essays become the property of LAFF. The first-place winners may be published in a collection.
10. The categories:
 - A: Grades 6 – 8
 - B: Grades 9 - 12

* All LAFF Members should use this topic on the local level for elimination purposes. Only the top three winners should be submitted to the state competition.

Submit Essays To:

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4550 Queen Elizabeth Court
Apartment 281
Alexandria, LA 71303
318-308-8767
districtdirector6@laffnet.org

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS 2025

Essay Contest Entry Form

STUDENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

GRADE: _____

PHONE: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

FAIR/FESTIVAL: _____

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2025 Poster Contest Rules

SUBJECT OF POSTER: " My Fair/Festival "

Rules and Regulations:

1. Subject of poster must be "My Fair/Festival"
2. The Name, Location and Date of your Fair or Festival must be included in the poster.
3. Any student attending any public, private, or parochial school may participate.
4. Posters will be judged along the following four categories:
 - Grades 1-3
 - Grades 4-6
 - Grades 7-9
 - Grades 10-12
5. Posters must be displayed on 14"x22" white poster paper. (1/2 sheet of standard poster paper.)
6. All designs must be vertical. No horizontal designs or posters will be judged.
7. All lettering must be free hand. Do not use stencils.
8. Medium used shall be: crayon, water color, acrylics, felt-tip pen, or oil. No cut-outs or collages.
9. First, second, and third place winners in each category are awarded at the state competition.
10. There is a maximum of twelve (12) posters per event that may be submitted to the state competition.
Only three (3) posters per category per event may be submitted to the state competition.
11. Posters will be judged, and points will be awarded as follows:

Originality	35%
Theme	25%
Neatness	25%
Spelling	15%
12. Poster Prizes:

Third Place	\$25.00
Second Place	\$50.00
First Place	\$75.00
One Best Overall	\$100.00
13. Information card (5"x7" index card) should be placed on the left top corner of the poster in such a way that it can be flipped over from front to back and include the following:

Name	Address
Telephone	Parent
Category	Fair/Festival
14. All posters must be presented by 1:00 PM on Friday of the annual convention.

Poster Committee Chairman:

Dawn Beloso

504-289-7714

districtdirector4@laffnet.org

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals (LAFF) is renewing its Scholarship Program for 2025. LAFF is offering seven (7) \$500.00 scholarships intending to award one (1) scholarship per district. However, if a district does not have an applicant, that scholarship may be awarded to a district that has several applicants.

Enclosed you will find the application required for student volunteers to apply for the scholarship and a checklist of the necessary items for a complete application. Please make duplicate copies of the Scholarship Application and distribute them to interested students who are involved with your local organization. The student from each district chosen for the award will be recognized at the annual LAFF Convention in February and receive a \$500.00 scholarship check at that time.

Please make sure applicants read the rules and regulations very carefully. Each application is scored according to information submitted. It is very important that Fairs and festivals must verify applicant information. Students should be aware that the application and all support documents are due to the Scholarship Committee Chairman by January 10, 2025.

The LAFF Board of Directors will have an unbiased panel that will score the applications and determine the scholarship recipients. You will be notified if your applicant is selected for a scholarship award.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures on the application, please contact your District Director or another member of the LAFF Board.

LAFF Scholarship Committee Chair

Katelyn Calhoun
23270 Hwy 175
Pelican, LA 71063
318-658-5785
pastpresident@laffnet.org

2025 LAFF SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsoring Fair of Festival: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

District #: _____ District Director: _____

Rules and Instructions

1. High school seniors or enrolled college volunteers are eligible for this scholarship.
2. Applicants shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and shall attend college or a technical institute in Louisiana.
3. One scholarship will be awarded to each of the seven districts, if warranted. Should there be a district with no nomination, that district's scholarship shall be awarded to a district with multiple applications.
4. Applicants shall not be a current reigning queen of any fair or festival.
5. Each scholarship shall be a one-time payment of \$500.00.
6. Scholarship awards shall be announced and awarded at the annual LAFF Convention.
7. Applicants shall be an active volunteer of a LAFF member organization.
8. A signed letter of nomination by an officer of the sponsoring organization shall accompany the Application.
9. Applicant shall be involved in local school programs, contribute to the community, and display leadership abilities.
10. Prior scholarship recipients are ineligible to apply for one year.
11. Children of the Scholarship Committee are not ineligible to apply.
12. Application and supporting documentation regarding the scholarship shall be mailed to the address below and received by the deadline of January 10, 2025

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2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

School Attending: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Parish: _____

GPA: _____

Tourism is a multi-million-dollar industry in Louisiana. This scholarship is named in honor of those persons who volunteer their time and energy to give others reason to want to visit the great state of Louisiana. On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us how you think your sponsoring fair or festival promotes tourism. Also, tell us how you are involved in your local fair or festival and what that involvement has meant to you as a young person growing up in Louisiana.

PLEASE ATTACH AN UP-TO-DATE TRANSCRIPT, ACT SCORE
AND ONE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO THIS
APPLICATION FORM

High School Activities

Honors & Awards

Community Activities

Hobbies & Talents

Employment Experience

Applicant Signature

Date

Sponsoring Fair/Festival Representative

Date

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

2025 SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Student's Name: _____ LAFF District: _____

Sponsoring Fair/Festival _____

* All scholarship applications must contain the following to be deemed eligible for judging.

1. Signed letter of nomination by an officer of the sponsoring organization _____
2. Application received by January 10, 2025 _____
3. Application is signed by applicant and sponsoring fair/festival _____
4. All questions on application have been answered _____
5. Up-to-date transcript received _____
6. ACT score received _____
7. Description of Involvement (at least one (1) paragraph, five (5) sentences bullet points of your involvement may be used) _____
8. Nominee has a GPA of 2.5 or higher _____
9. Nominee is an active volunteer for the nominating fair/festival _____

Directions: Your essay will be judged based on this rubric. Use this rubric as a guide when writing your essay.

CRITERIA	4	3	2	1	SCORE (1-4)
Focus & Details	There is one clear, well focused topic. Main ideas are clear and well supported by detailed and accurate information.	There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main ideas are clear but are not well supported by detailed information.	There is one topic. Main ideas are somewhat clear.	The topic and main ideas are not clear.	
Organization	The introduction is inviting, states the main topic, and provides an overview of the essay. Information is relevant and presented in a logical order. The conclusion is strong.	The introduction states the main topic and provides an overview of the essay. A conclusion is included.	The introduction states the main topic. A conclusion is included.	There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion.	
Voice	The author's purpose of writing is very clear, and there is a strong evidence of attention to audience. The author's extensive knowledge and/or experience with the topic is evident.	The author's purpose of writing is somewhat clear, and there is some evidence of attention to audience. The author's knowledge and/or experience with the topic is evident.	The author's purpose of writing is somewhat clear, and there is evidence of attention to audience. The author's knowledge and/or experience with the topic is limited.	The author's purpose of writing is unclear.	
Word Choice	The author uses vivid words and phrases. The choice and placement of words seems accurate, natural, and not forced.	The author uses vivid words and phrases. The choice and placement of words is inaccurate at times and/or seems overdone.	The author uses words that communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety.	The writer uses a limited vocabulary. Jargon or clichés may be present that detract from the meaning.	
Sentence Structure, Grammar, Mechanics, & Spelling	All sentences are well constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes no errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	Most sentences are well constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes a few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling, but they do not interfere with understanding.	Most sentences are well constructed, but they have a similar structure and/or length. The author makes several errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.	Sentences sound awkward, are distractingly repetitive, or are difficult to understand. The author makes numerous errors in grammar, mechanics and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.	
TOTAL:					