

### **Wayne Co. 4-H Written Communications Contest Rules and Information**

1. 4-H'ers may submit in only one level. (junior or senior).
2. Each category will have a junior and senior class. Junior: Any member age 9-13 may compete in writing contest as per their age determined on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the state contest is held. Senior: Any member age 14-19 may participate in writing contest (must have passed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday but have not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the state contest is held).
3. Each writing piece must be original. If there is a question, the participant will be disqualified. A statement of authenticity must be completed and attached to entry. This is found on the entry form.
4. All entries must be submitted to the Wayne Co. Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
5. All entries are to be on 8" x 11" paper, with the entrant's class (junior or senior), name, and county on a cover page and last name typed on each page.  
See attached sample cover page). Please include scoring guide and entry form at the back of the piece.
6. Entries are to be double-spaced, typed with Calibri size 12 font white paper. (Songs may be single spaced within verses, chorus and bridge and double spaced between each of these.)
7. Winners will be invited to showcase at the Kentucky State Fair "Clover Café." Date TBD.
8. The Songwriting can be found in the National 4-H Curriculum Picking up the Pieces, page 26. Information on Poetry can be found here: <http://www.ket.org/education/guides/pd/poetryworkshop.pdf> . Press Release and Public Service Announcement is National 4-H Curriculum Putting it Together, page 26. Monologue can be found in the National 4-H Curriculum Theatre Arts Level 1- Beginner, page 17. All curriculum and reference pieces can be scured at the Wayne Co. Extension Office.

Categories include: (Junior and Senior Classes for each category)

**Songwriting**

**Poetry** (3 line minimum and 25 line maximum)

**"What 4-H Means to Me" Essay** (minimum 500 words)

**Original Monologue**

**Press Release** (maximum of 1,000 words)

**Public Service Announcement**

**Sample Coversheet**

Senior Songwriting

John Smith

Wayne 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/Teacher signature

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