

APPENDIX 12

NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

A. Application

1. All collegiate agricultural education organizations (e.g. Agricultural Education Club, Agricultural Education Society, Alpha Tau Alpha) will receive a pre-registration form prior to National Conclave. The due date for this form will be set by the national second vice-president.
2. The essay topic will be selected by the host chapter and sent to all organizations.
3. Two essays may be entered from each organization.
4. All contestants must be dues-paid members of their collegiate agricultural education organization.

B. Rules and Guidelines

1. Each contestant must research and write his/her own essay.
2. Essays must be postmarked by the deadline established by the host chapter. NO LATE ESSAYS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
3. The host chapter will not be allowed to participate in the contest.
4. The winning chapter each year will host the next year's contest.

C. Criteria

1. Essay Format

- a. Identifying Information
Name: Centered on a separate page
Chapter: Centered, next line
Date: Centered, next line
- b. Heading
Title: Centered on the first page of text
- c. Body
First Paragraph: 3 lines below the title
Typed, double-spaced; any standard type-face is acceptable.
- d. Length
500-750 words

2. Scoring

- a. Content and organization of the essay 75%
- b. Appearance, style, grammatical and/or typographical errors 25%

D. Award Recipients

1987	1st	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
	2nd	Beta, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
1988	1st	Jerry Clark, Alpha Mu University of Wisconsin-River Falls
	2nd	James Moten, Tau West Virginia University
1989	1st	Lori Buck, Alpha Mu University of Wisconsin-River Falls
	2nd	Benya Jada, Alpha Alpha University of Minnesota
1990	1st	DeWayne Fossum, Alpha Mu University of Wisconsin-River Falls
	2nd	Ann Stall, Alpha University of Illinois
	3rd	Steve Cantrell, Alpha Beta Oklahoma State University
1991		No entries
1992	1st	Heather Peters, Eta The Pennsylvania State University
	2nd	Robert Klink, Alpha Mu University of Wisconsin-River Falls
1993	1st	Mary Spanton, Alpha Mu University of Wisconsin-River Falls
	2nd	Julia Hardy, Alpha Rho Northwest Missouri State University
1994	1st	Matthew J. Lohr, Alpha Lambda Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
	2nd	Karen Elizabeth Salyers, Phi University of Arizona
1995	1st	Michelle Sammon, Alpha Mu University of Wisconsin-River Falls
	2nd	Matt Janssen, Alpha Rho Northwest Missouri State University
1996	1st	
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2004 1st

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2005 1st

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