



How can ag co-ops stay relevant to future generations?

2023 ESSAY CONTEST

For high school FFA members

This year's topic:

Cooperatives have been around for more than 100 years. During that time, many things have changed, not only in agriculture, but in the world as a whole. As a young person looking to the future, how do you think co-ops can remain relevant to your generation and beyond?

Contest goals are to help students:

- Develop writing skills.
- Learn about current issues in agriculture.
- Understand the unique role of cooperatives.

Contest procedures and instructions:

- I. Schools may submit one essay; however, no more than two students from the same state will be selected for the top five awards.
- II. Students must be FFA members in good standing to be eligible for awards.
- III. Essay length should be no more than 500 words.
- IV. Works cited are not required, but are accepted. They do not count toward your 500 word limit.
- V. Submit the requested information and your essay to:
www.bit.ly/GMKEssay2023

Suggestions for writers:

- Pay special attention to your opening and closing paragraphs.
- Find facts from state agriculture associations, your FFA advisor, local cooperatives and others.
- Visit credible websites to learn more.
- Have a parent or teacher proofread your essay.
- Spell-check your essay.
- Your local FS cooperative is a good resource for information.

Submit your essay to:
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Submission deadline:
October 28, 2022, midnight central time

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Awards:

National winner: \$1,000 award
FFA chapter of national winner: \$750 award
Four national runners-up: \$500 award each
FFA chapters of national runners-up: \$300 award each
States with at least 25 essays submitted will have one state winner selected to receive a \$300 award.

Questions?

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