

4-H Written Communication Contest 2023

Contest: Song Writing

Rules and Guidelines

1. Entry must be the original work of the youth entering the contest. (Entries that are plagiarized will be disqualified.)
2. Entry must be family-friendly and age-appropriate.
3. Entry must be typed or neatly printed on 8.5"x11" paper.
4. Entry must contain the youth's name, address, e-mail address, age, date of birth, school, grade, and parent/guardian name.
5. Age category is determined by your age on December 31. Junior entries are for ages 9-13. Senior entries are for ages 14-18.
6. Two (2) junior entries and two (2) senior entries will be selected to advance to the State Written Communications Contest.
7. Please submit entry by February 3, 2023 to christy.martin@uky.edu or to the following address:
Russell Co. Extension Office
c/o Christy A. Martin
2688 S. Highway 127
Russell Springs, KY 42642

Notes:

- A stanza is similar to a paragraph in a book. One or two stanzas make up a verse in a song and usually give the details of the song. A song usually contains 2-3 stanzas. Sometimes stanzas contain rhyming elements like in poetry; rhyming words usually occur at the end of the lines but not always.
- The chorus is a section of lines that are generally the "catchy" part of the song. The chorus often contains the title of the song.
- Songs can be written to original music that you compose. Songs could also use the format and music of another song (i.e. a children's song, a popular song, or a religious song).
- Song should follow the following format:
Title
Verse 1 (1 or 2 stanzas)
Chorus
Verse 2 (1 or 2 stanzas)
Chorus
Bridge (optional)

