

## 4-H Written Communication Contest 2024

### 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 January 31, 2024 to [christy.martin@uky.edu](mailto: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)



4-H WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CONTEST  
STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY

This is to verify that the piece I entered in the 4-H poetry contest is my original work. I further verify that this poem has never been published and has not been submitted to the 4-H poetry contest before this year.

I give my permission for my writing piece:

- ◇ To be submitted for judging.
- ◇ To be published in local and social media.
- ◇ To be displayed in the local community.
- ◇ To be displayed at the Kentucky State Fair.

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4-H Member's Signature

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Parent/Guardian/Teacher Signature

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Date

