



## WRITING CONTEST

### Department 29—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$144.00

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per Class (2 entries per Class maximum)

Late Entry Fee – Approval Required: \$25.00 per entry

Entries Due Electronically for Judging: Sunday, July 14, 2024, 12:00 am (midnight)

Location of Exhibits on Display: Building E (Photography Area)

Superintendent: Debbie Ehlenberg.....(815)276-2238

### Rules and Regulations

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00 pm on July 14, 2024, (if in person) or, by 12 am (midnight) online. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. **The piece of work being entered is due for judging on or before July 14, 2024, at 12:00 am (midnight).**
3. All exhibitors are required to purchase a week-long exhibitor pass which provides daily entry to the fair.
4. Home Arts General Rules apply.
5. Home and Creative Arts/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 5 pm and 7 pm OR MONDAY AFTER FAIR (AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> ) from 8 am-10 am, exhibits may not be removed before then.** Ribbons and exhibits will be available for pick up at these time slots only. Any exhibits that remain unclaimed after 4 pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. The piece must be original work of the author and may not have been previously published. It may however, have been submitted as a student assignment.
7. Entries must be typed, double spaced, on one side of white 8 ½" X 11" paper with a title at the top and pagination on each sheet. It should follow MLA format, however there should be no author name on the work itself.
8. The Essay, "Living a Healthy Lifestyle" must be between 500 and 1000 words and follow the MLA Essay style for layout.
9. Each entry must be accompanied with a cover sheet containing the author's name, address, phone numbers, title, number of pages in the entry, email address, and a signed statement that the work is original and has never been published.
10. Copies of work may be submitted in person to the office, by mail, or by email ([mcfaoffice@mchenrycountyfair.com](mailto:mcfaoffice@mchenrycountyfair.com))
11. By entering the contest, the contestant agrees that his/her entry may be published the following year in a fair booklet and or on the McHenry County Fair website.
12. First through third place will be awarded ribbons and premiums as listed below. Judging will be based on content, clarity, and skill communicating the central thought of the work. Please proofread the work as spelling and grammatical errors are part of the judging. Where entries have been judged equal, those that express a thoughtful understanding of life in McHenry County will be given additional consideration.
13. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.

**Age Groups: Not 14 by the date of entry; 14-18 (by date of entry); Over 18**

**Premiums** First-\$5; Second-\$4; Third-\$3

Best of Show-Rosette (one awarded for each Age Group)

Plaque or Trophy (one awarded for the best entry of the entire contest)

<b>Division</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>A</b> Poetry	<b>01</b> Under 14 <b>02</b> Ages 14-18 <b>03</b> Over 18 Years Old
<b>B</b> Fictional Short Story	<b>01</b> Under 14 <b>02</b> Ages 14-18 <b>03</b> Over 18 Years Old
<b>C</b> Non-Fictional Short Story	<b>01</b> Under 14 <b>02</b> Ages 14-18 <b>03</b> Over 18 Years Old
<b>D</b> Essay- What the County Fair means to me	<b>01</b> Under 14 <b>02</b> Ages 14-18 <b>03</b> Over 18 Years Old

# Writing Open Entry Form

- Register online at [www.mchenrycountyfair.com](http://www.mchenrycountyfair.com) or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Friday from 9 am – 4 pm. Weekend Registration open Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 8 am-12 pm and Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am-3 pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00 pm on July 14, 2024, or by midnight online. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2024 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: [mchenrycountyfair.com](http://mchenrycountyfair.com)

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Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

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Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

#	Fee	Total
	\$1.00 per Open entry	
	\$25.00 Late Entry Fee – per entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>