

# LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

## 2024 Essay Contest Rules

TOPIC: *"How Has the Fair or Festival In Your Area Evolved Through the Years"?*

### Rules and Regulations:

1. Essay MUST be at least one (1) page in length.
2. Name of student MUST NOT be written on the essay.
3. Entry Form (see attached) MUST be attached to entry with a paper clip, NOT STAPLED. Entries will not be accepted without entry form attached.
4. Any essays that do not meet the requirements listed here will not be judged.
5. Essay MUST be typed using Times New Roman font in size 12.
6. Requirements for essay content, structure, and other criteria are outlined in the attached rubric. Contestants should use this rubric to guide their writing.
7. Essay must be in the hands of the Chairman no later than January 10, 2024.
8. Essay prizes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: \$150
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$100
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$75
9. All essays become the property of LAFF. The first-place winners may be published in a collection by groups.
10. The categories: A. Grades 6 - 8; B. Grades 9 - 12.

\*All fairs should use this topic on the local level for elimination purposes; only the top three winners should be submitted to the state level.

Mail Essays To:  
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Amite, LA 70422  
985-474-9971  
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LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS 2024  
Essay Contest Entry Form

NAME:

ADDRESS:

GRADE:

PHONE:

PARENT'S NAME:

SCHOOL NAME:

FAIR/FESTIVAL:

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## 2024 Poster Contest Rules

\* Subject of poster shall be: "My Fair/Festival"

Name, Location and Date of event must be on poster.

\*Any public, private, or parochial school student may participate.

\*Posters will be judged in the following four categories:

Grades 1-3

Grades 4-6

Grades 7-9

Grades 10-12

\*Posters must be displayed on 14"x22" white poster paper. (1/2 sheet of standard poster paper.)

\*All work must be vertical. Nothing horizontal will be judged.

\*All lettering must be free hand. Do not use stencils.

\*Medium used shall be: crayon, water color, acrylics, felt-tip pen, or oil. No cut-outs or collages.

\*First, second, and third place winners in each category are eligible for state competition. Limit of twelve (12) posters per event; only three (3) per category

\*Posters will be judged, and points will be awarded as follows:

Originality	35%
Theme	25%
Neatness	25%
Spelling	15%

\*Poster Prizes:

Third Place	\$25.00
Second Place	\$50.00
First Place	\$75.00
One Best Overall	\$100.00

\*Information card (5"x7" index card) should be placed on the left top corner of the poster in such a way that it can be flipped over from front to back and include the following:

Name	Address
Telephone	Parent
Category	Fair/Festival

\*All posters must be presented by 5:00 PM on Friday of the annual convention

Chairman:

Kelli Buller

337-831-3340

districtdirector2@laffnet.org

# LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals is once again offering seven (7) \$500.00 scholarships. The intent is to award one scholarship per district, however, if a district does not have an applicant, their district's scholarship may be awarded to a district that has several applicants.

Enclosed you will find the application which student volunteers must use to apply for the award and a check list of the things you need to have a complete application. Please make duplicate copies and distribute to interested students who are involved with your local organization. The student from each district who is chosen for the award will be recognized at the annual LAFF Convention in February and receive a \$500.00 scholarship check at that time.

We ask you to make sure applicants read over rules and regulations very carefully and focus their attention on following the directions explicitly. As this is a competitive award, each application is scored according to information submitted. As chairman of your fair or festival, your role in verifying information is very important. Students should be aware that the application and all support documents are due to the Scholarship Committee Chairman by January 10, 2024.

The LAFF Board of Directors will have an unbiased panel will score the applications and determine the recipients. You will be notified if your applicant is selected for the award.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures on the application, please feel free to contact your District Director or member of the LAFF Board.

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## Scholarship Program

Sponsoring Fair of Festival: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

District #: \_\_\_\_\_ District Director: \_\_\_\_\_

### Rules and Instructions

1. High school seniors or enrolled college volunteers are eligible for this scholarship.
2. Applicant shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and shall attend college or a technical institute in Louisiana.
3. One scholarship will be awarded to each of the seven districts, if warranted. Should there be a district with no nomination, that district's scholarship shall be awarded to a district with multiple applications.
4. Applicant shall not be a current reigning queen of any fair or festival.
5. Each scholarship shall be a one-time payment of \$500.00.
6. Scholarship awards shall be announced and awarded at the annual LAFF Convention.
7. Nominee shall be an active volunteer of a LAFF member organization.
8. A signed letter of nomination by an officer of the sponsoring organization shall accompany the Application.
9. Applicant shall be involved in local school programs, contribute to the community and display leadership abilities.
10. Prior scholarship recipients are ineligible to apply for one year.
11. Children of the Scholarship Committee are not ineligible to apply.
12. Application and supporting documentation regarding the scholarship shall be mailed to the address below and received by the deadline of January 10, 2024

LAFF Scholarship C/O Melissa Dottolo  
28139 Chukkar Lane  
Folsom, LA 704377  
985-249-1079  
pastpresident@laffnet.org

# LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

## Scholarship Program Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Tourism is a multi-million-dollar industry in Louisiana.

This scholarship is named in honor of those persons who volunteer their time and energy to give others reason to want to visit the great state of Louisiana. On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us how you think your sponsoring fair or festival promotes tourism. Also, tell us how you are involved in your local fair or festival and what that involvement has meant to you as a young person growing up in Louisiana.

PLEASE ATTACH AN UP-TO-DATE TRANSCRIPT, ACT SCORE AND  
ONE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO THIS APPLICATION FORM

High School Activities

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Honors & Awards

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Community Activities

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Hobbies & Talents

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Employment Experience

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Sponsoring Fair/Festival Representative

Date

# LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

## Scholarship Program

### Checklist

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LAFF District: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Fair/Festival \_\_\_\_\_

\*All scholarship applications must contain the following in order to be eligible for judging.

- 1. Signed letter of nomination by an officer of the sponsoring organization \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Application received by January 10, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Application is signed by applicant and sponsoring fair/festival representative \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. All questions on application have been answered \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Up-to-date transcript received \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. ACT score received \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Description of Involvement (at least one (1) paragraph, five (5) sentences bullet points of your involvement may be used) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Nominee has a GPA of 2.5 or higher \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Nominee is an active volunteer for the nominating fair/festival \_\_\_\_\_





RONALD GENCO <ronald.genco@tangischools.org>

**Re: Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals**

1 message

Wendy Carrier <carriers1993@gmail.com>  
 To: Ronald.genco@tangischools.org

Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 3:23 PM

Here is the rubric..

JUDGE # \_\_\_\_\_

ESSAY # \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Points				Score
	1	2	3	4	
<b>Focus &amp; Details</b>	The topic and main ideas are not clear.	There is one topic. Main ideas are somewhat clear.	There is one clear, well focused topic. Main ideas are clear but are not well supported by detailed information.	There is one clear, well focused topic. Main ideas are clear and well supported by detailed and accurate information.	
<b>Organization</b>	There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion.	The introduction states the main topic. A conclusion is included.	The introduction states the main topic and provides an overview of the essay. A conclusion is included.	The introduction is inviting, states the main topic, and provides an overview of the essay. Information is relevant and presented in a logical order. The conclusion is strong.	
<b>Voice</b>	The author's purpose of writing is unclear.	The author's purpose of writing is somewhat clear, and there is evidence of attention to audience. The author's knowledge and/or experience with the topic is limited.	The author's purpose of writing is somewhat clear, and there is some evidence of attention to audience. The author's knowledge and/or experience with the topic is evident.	The author's purpose of writing is very clear, and there is a strong evidence of attention to audience. The author's extensive knowledge and/or experience with the topic is evident.	
<b>Word Choice</b>	The writer uses a limited vocabulary. Jargon or clichés may be present that detract from the meaning.	The author uses words that communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety.	The author uses vivid words and phrases. The choice and placement of words are inaccurate at times and/or seems overdone.	The author uses vivid words and phrases. The choice and placement of words seem accurate, natural, and not forced.	
<b>Sentence, Structure, Grammar, Mechanics &amp; Spelling</b>	Sentences sound awkward, are distractingly repetitive, or are difficult to understand. The author makes numerous errors in grammar, mechanics and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.	Most sentences are well constructed, but they have a similar structure and/or length. The author makes several errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.	Most sentences are well-constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes a few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling, but they do not interfere with understanding.	All sentences are well constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes no errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	
<b>TOTAL</b>					