

Larry Harper YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

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THIS YEAR'S TOPIC

**“What can be done to increase the number of
beginning farmers and ranchers?”**

Student should offer his/her own reasons, along with ideas and/or examples, of what can be done to aid young farmers and ranchers wanting to enter the agriculture industry.

The essay should be the student's original work and the result of the student's own effort. Use more than one source for information. Personal interviews with experts are encouraged.

Format:

The article should be prepared as a Word document, 12-point Times New Roman font. Article length should be 600 words maximum, double-spaced typed. Create a cover page that includes name, title, school name, and date.

Suggestions:

Carefully, check your spelling and grammar. It will influence your score.

Use the computer.

Ask your English &/or other teachers to review your essay and make suggestions.

Use your essay to fulfill a class assignment.

Past first-place winners are not eligible. Limit five entries per 50 students in a chapter. Email or hard copy entries are accepted.

E-mail entries to:

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Send hard copy entries to:

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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 9, 2021.

1st place: \$250; 2nd place: \$150; 3rd place: \$75

The winners will be printed in the Missouri Ruralist publication as space allows and recognized at the Missouri State FFA Convention.