

## 4-H CREATIVE and EXPRESSIVE ARTS: CREATIVE WRITING

### EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

Enter one writing in each category: Prose-Fiction, Prose-Non-fiction, Poetry, Or Children's Story.  
Beginner Grades 3-5 - Suggested word requirement for this level is 50-300 words,  
Intermediate -Grades 6-8 - Suggested word requirement for this level is 300-700 words  
Advanced - Grades 9-12 - Suggested word requirement for this level is 500-1,200 words

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **All Creative Writing projects are due to the Purdue Extension Service - Vigo County Office. See 4-H Event Schedule for project deadline.** You will leave your project so that the judge may read and judge each project in a closed judging session.
2. Only one entry or exhibit is required to complete the Creative Writing project. However, 4-H members may choose to have an entry in each of the following four Project Categories:
  - **Prose-Fiction** - Exhibit a fiction story; autobiography, biography, essay, journal or entry or any other prose piece and a record sheet.
  - **Prose-Non-fiction** - Exhibit a non-fiction story; autobiography, biography, essay, journal or entry or any other prose piece and a record sheet.
  - **Poetry** - Exhibit a poem of any length or style and a record sheet.
  - **Children's Story:** Exhibit a story written specifically for young children including illustrations and a record sheet.

The project categories will be judged separately. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each exhibit level, and a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named overall in each project category.

3. All entries are to be handwritten neatly in ink or typed. Typed entries should be double-spaced. Typed entries are suggested.
4. **Please submit 2 copies for judging, so that the judge may mark on one copy, while the other is "clean" for displaying at the fair. Please submit these copies in a simple two pocket folder; no binders, covers, etc. Please attach your 4-H Exhibit Card to the front of the folder.**
5. Children's stories must include illustrations. (See Section VIII in the manual for suggestions). Illustrations are not required for Poetry and Prose entries but are permitted to enhance your exhibit.
6. All entries must have been written since the previous year's county fair. Work that has been judged in any other writing contest is ineligible for 4-H competition. All entries must be the exclusive work of the 4-H member. NO group projects or collaborations should be submitted for judging.
7. Each entry is to have a title page with the following information: Title, Author, Date, Project Category, Grade in School (just completed), and Club. See sample title page in Section IX of the manual.
8. Neatness counts. Be sure your project is clean, neat, and organized. The creative way you express yourself and the proper grammatical use of words is most important.
9. Double-check the order of the paper in your binder.
  - a. Title Page (required)
  - b. Description of poetry form (optional for poetry projects only)
  - c. Your writing project (required)
  - d. Bibliography (give credit to sources only if you researched)
  - e. Author's page (optional, permitted for all three categories)
10. There are no State Fair entries for this project.