

## Beekeeping Essay Contest

The Beekeeping Essay Contest allows 4-H'ers to use their writing and research skills in developing an essay on a beekeeping-related topic. Cash awards are available to winners on the national, state and county levels.

All essays from Blount County 4-H members are to be submitted to [james@tennessee.edu](mailto:james@tennessee.edu). The submission deadline is March 8, 2024. The 2024 topic has just been released.

2024 Topic: **Varietal Honeys**

**National Awards** (sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees):

First place: \$750.00

Second place: \$500.00

Third place: \$250.00

For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions:

- 1) What makes a varietal honey?
- 2) What are some unique varietals?
- 3) How are some of the valuable varietals confirmed to be authentic (e.g., Manuka honey UMF and MGO)?
- 4) What are some culturally or economically important varietals and why are they important?

More information about the 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition.

### 2024 Rules

1. Contest is open to **active** 4-H club members only. 4-H'ers who have previously placed first, second, or third **at the national level** are not eligible; other state winners are eligible to re-enter. Failure to meet any one rule will disqualify entry.
2. Write on the designated subject only.
3. All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography" list.

4. On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address and phone number.
5. Essay must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited or the writer's biographical statement.
6. Essay must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in legible font face.
7. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.
8. Essayists **should not** submit essays directly to The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. office. Send to [james@tennessee.edu](mailto:james@tennessee.edu).
9. All entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essay will be returned.

**Good luck and enter the contest!!!!**