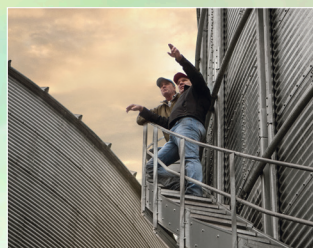


2016 ESSAY CONTEST

For high school FFA members in
Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin



What can young people do to ensure the sustainability of agriculture?

www.growmark.com/youth-young-farmers/pages/essay-contest.aspx

This Year's Topic:

We hear the word "sustainable" a lot these days – but what does it really mean in agriculture? And, how can the young people of today be involved in efforts to ensure our industry remains strong well into the future?

Contest Goals are to Help Students:

Develop writing skills.
Learn about current issues in agriculture.
Understand the unique role of cooperatives.

Contest Procedures and Instructions:

- I. Each high school may submit one essay.
- II. Essay length should be approximately 500 words typed double-spaced.
- III. Fill out the **online Title Page**, print and submit it with the essay.

Suggestions for Writers:

Pay special attention to your opening and closing paragraphs.
Find facts from state agriculture associations and your guidance counselor.
Visit credible websites to learn more.
Have a parent or teacher proofread your essay.
Spell-check your essay.

Submit One Essay Per School To:

GROWMARK, Inc.
Attn: Karen Jones
1701 Towanda Ave.
Bloomington, IL 61701

Postmark Deadline:

March 1, 2016

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Awards are Distributed at State FFA Conventions:

State winner: \$500 award
FFA chapter of state winner: \$300 award
Four runners-up per state: \$125 award each

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