

# LAFF Essay Contest Rules

## Theme: What is Your Favorite Southern Tradition and Why?

### Rules and Regulations:

1. Essay must contain between 500 and 800 words.
2. Name of contestant MUST NOT be written on the essay but must be written on a separate sheet and clipped, not stapled to the essay.
3. On a separate sheet, contestant should follow this format:  
Name, Address, Grade, Phone, Parent's Name, School Name, and Fair/Festival Represented
4. Essay may be handwritten or typed.
5. Spelling, grammar, phraseology, general interest, continuity and adherence to theme will be determining factors for selecting the winning essay.
6. The categories: A. Grades 6 - 8; B. Grades 9 - 12.
7. Information used from sources should be acknowledged in a bibliography.
8. Pictures or diagrams can be included within contest of essay or in appropriate appendix.
9. Essay must be in the hands of Chairman no later than January 6, 2012.
10. Criteria for judging:  
Content (adherence to theme) – **40%**  
Grammar (punctuation, capitalization) – **25%**  
Continuity (introduction, body, sentence structure, conclusion) – **20%**  
Spelling – **15%**
11. Essay Prizes (State Level)\*\*  
1<sup>st</sup>: \$150  
2<sup>nd</sup>: \$100  
3<sup>rd</sup>: \$75
12. All essays become the property of LAFF. The first place winners will be published in a collection by groups.

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

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