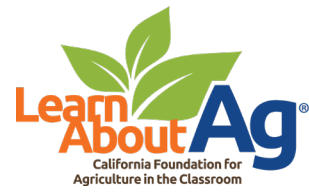


Eligibility/Requirements



Eligibility

The Imagine this... Story Writing Contest is open to all California students in grades 3–8 attending public, private, charter, or homeschool programs.

Students must have a teacher, parent, guardian, or homeschool educator submit their entry on their behalf.

Requirements

Story Criteria

- Stories must be original work created solely by the student.
- Stories may be either fiction or nonfiction.
- Stories must be based on accurate information about California agriculture.
- Students should select an agricultural topic, conduct research, and incorporate what they have learned into their story.
- Topics may include, but are not limited to:

-Crops and commodities

-Livestock and dairy

-Pollinators and beneficial insects

-Agricultural careers

-Natural resources and conservation

-Food production and processing

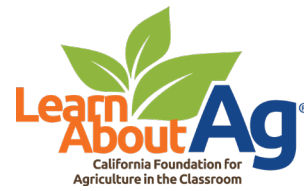
-Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural communities

Formatting Requirements

- Stories must be typed.
- Stories should include a title.
- Student name, grade level, school, and teacher information must be included on the submission form.

Stories should be submitted in PDF or Word document format.

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Additional Rules

- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- Entries must not have been previously published or entered in other contests.
- California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom reserves the right to publish submitted stories and winning entries.
- Winning stories will be illustrated by California high school art students and published in the annual *Imagine this... Stories Inspired by Agriculture* book.
- Submission of an entry constitutes permission for California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom to use the student's name, school, story, and related materials for educational and promotional purposes.

Selected Winners will be required to:

- Participate in the contest recognition process and provide any requested information by the stated deadlines.
- Submit a signed media release and publication permission form completed by a parent/guardian.
- Be available to attend the recognition event in Sacramento, California.
- Allow their story to be published in the annual *Imagine this... Stories Inspired by Agriculture* book and other California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom promotional and educational materials.
- Cooperate with reasonable requests for photographs, interviews, or promotional activities related to the contest.

Note: Travel expenses for State Winners and a parent/guardian to attend the recognition event in Sacramento will be covered by California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.