



# Essay Contest



## A WISCONSIN TREE AND ME: HOW TREES GROW FOOD & FIBER

**Entries Due Online by** 

APril 15, 2025



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### State Winner

- \$250 Cash Prize
- Award ceremony with the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer **Protection Board**
- Essay displayed at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center

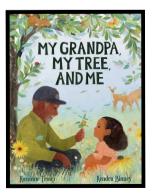
District Winners

Medal & Prize Pack

winners in EACH grade division

Wisconsin 4th & 5th graders: Create an original essay for a chance to win!

> **Inspired by the** 2024 Book of the Year



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### **Contest Overview**

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation hosts the Agriculture in the Classroom Essay Contest annually, inviting students to delve into research and craft an informative essay. The contest prompt delves into Wisconsin's history, geography, and economics from the perspective of agriculture, aligning with Wisconsin academic standards in English Language Arts and Social Studies.

### **Prizes**

District Winners receive commemorative medal and prize pack. State Winners receive additional commemorative plaque and prize awarded at a special ceremony with Wisconsin's Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection.

### Rules

- Contest is open to Wisconsin 4th and 5th grade students.
- Contest is limited to one essay entry per student.
- Maximum essay length is \*400 words for grade 4, and \*500 words for grade 5.
- Essays must be typed or handwritten in INK.
- All entries must be submitted by \*\*April 15, 2025.
- All entries must include the Required Entry Information available on contest site.
- Awards will be presented to top essays in each grade level at the county, district and state level.
- \* Maximum word lengths DO NOT include bibliography, captions or works cited.
- \*\*Entries may be submitted online or mailed directly to county essay coordinator.

### Resources

The essay contest gleans the annual theme from the 2024 Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Book of the Year, *My Grandpa, My Tree and Me*, by Roxanne Troup. This picture book is a fun way to introduce and engage students in the essay contest. A collection of grade-level appropriate resources, lessons, and writing tools are available online at wisagclassroom.org

Full contest details, rules, and resources at bit.ly/wiagessaycontest