

2020 CREATIVE WRITING FACT SHEET

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 Erie County 4-H
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Project Numbers

☞588 – The Writer in You

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General Exhibit Requirements

Project check-out times are:

Supervised - Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 7-8pm

Unsupervised - Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 8-9pm

Monday, August 17, 2020 during the day, after that projects will be at the Extension Office until September 18.

1. Project books and Member Project Guides are required at all judgments. If book is absent, grade will be lowered and member is not eligible to place.
2. Appropriate attire for judging is required. Appearance should be neat, clean, and respectful. No shorts, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, midriff tops, or low rise jeans should be worn for judging.
3. All projects displayed at the fair must be identified with name, age, and project. Display must be for the current year's project.
4. Junior division includes ages 13 and younger. Senior division includes ages 14 and older as of January 1 of that judging year. If numbers in a project warrant it, the junior class will be split to include a Beginner class.
5. After completion of judging, leave your writing entries for display at fair to receive your premium voucher.

☞Denotes Small Project Auction Eligibility for first place winners. 4-H'er must make the sale item and it must relate to the project. Read Small Project Auction Rules.

No checks from the Livestock Sale or the Small Project Auction will be mailed! All checks will need to be picked up at the Erie County Fair Sr. Fairboard Office on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9am to 1pm. Checks can be picked up by the exhibitor or immediate family member with a valid form of ID. If the exhibitor or an immediate family member cannot pick up, anyone presenting a signed letter from the exhibitor or the exhibitor's legal guardian can pick up the check. All checks will require a signature of the person picking up the check. All sale checks must be cashed by November 25th of the current year or funds are forfeited. This includes issued checks and checks held for not meeting requirements, i.e. Thank you notes or poultry cards not submitted. No exceptions allowed.

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Entry deadline, Evaluation Times/Places

Entries must be submitted to Extension Office by 4:30pm by Thursday, August 6.

Evaluation/ Judging will be Tuesday, August 11th in the Youth Building.

Specific times posted with July/Aug *The Buzz* on our website.



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☞ **588 The Writer in You (For Teens)** – Follow the guidelines on page 3 for completing your project book, be sure to document your activities on pages 4-7 of the book and throughout. Exhibit division guidelines are listed below. Exhibitors must be judged in at least one division, but can enter more than one. You will be interviewed by a judge on the date located on the front of this sheet, bring your completed project book to judging.

Exhibit Divisions Guidelines:

RHYMED POETRY Jr. & Sr. - An interpretation of a subject in rhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.

FREE STYLE Jr. & Sr.- An interpretation of a subject in unrhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.

SHORT STORY Jr. & Sr. - A fiction piece comprised of three basic elements: a theme, a plot and characters. Submit one story, max. length 2,000 words.

ESSAY Jr. & Sr.- A short nonfiction composition in which a theme is developed or an idea is expressed. Submit one essay, max. length 500 words.

Entry Rules:

1. All entries are to be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, enclosed in a plastic cover with the entrant's class (example: Rhymed Poetry-Junior), name, and county on the cover page and entrant's last name along with page number should appear on each page.
2. Entries are to be double-spaced, typed or neatly printed, and submitted to the Extension Office by the date listed on the first page of this fact sheet. **Project books, scrapbooks, and any activities you completed for the project are to be kept until judging.**
3. All entries will be evaluated on the following items, including the interview:
 - a.) title
 - b.) appeal
 - c.) story-telling impact
 - d.) creativity
 - e.) transition
4. Each entry must be original and must be written for a 4-H project.
5. Junior ages: 9 to 13 as of January 1, Senior ages: 14 or over as of January 1.

*Junior Fair projects may not be sold on the fairgrounds except through the fair project auctions.
For sale signs may not be posted on projects.