

**2012 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT AND RULES**  
**Sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.**

- AWARDS: Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners:  
•1st Place -- \$750.00 •2nd Place -- \$500.00 •3rd Place -- \$250.00  
Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.
- TOPIC: For the 2012 essay contest, the essay topic is:

**“The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community”**

Honey bees pollinate a wide variety of plants. The food crops that benefit from honey bee pollination have been said to contribute one-third of the American diet. In addition, many non-food plantings and natural environmental plants benefit from honey bee pollination. The 4-H'ers are encouraged to investigate the plants in their communities that benefit from honey bee pollination and determine the results of that pollination.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers, farmers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a “Resources” or “Bibliography” list.

Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

**NOTE: FOR 2012 ONLY ESSAYS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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- RULES:
1. Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. 4-H'ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the national level are not eligible; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter.
  2. Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay) -
    - Write on the designated subject only.
    - All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
    - A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
    - Length - the essay proper: 750 to 1000 words.
    - The word count does not include the endnotes, the bibliography or references, nor the essayist's biographical sketch - which should be on a separate page.
    - Preparation for National Judging: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ONLY. Prepare your essays double-spaced, 12-pt. Times or similar type style, following standard manuscript format. Submit as a Microsoft Word compatible document.
  3. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research - 40%; (b) accuracy - 30%; (c) creativity - 10%; (d) conciseness - 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic - 10%.
  4. **Essayists send essays ELECTRONICALLY**, in a Microsoft Word compatible document, to [Helen.pease@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Helen.pease@oregonstate.edu) (State 4-H office program coordinator) by February 1, 2012. Each state 4-H Office is responsible for selecting the state's winner, which will then be submitted to the National contest.
  5. Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
  7. The National Winner will be announced by May 1, 2012.
  8. All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essay will be returned. National winning essays will be posted at: <http://honeybeepreservation.org> .