

2026 Livingston Parish Fair Association SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

Theme: "Every Weekend Tells a Story: The Importance of Louisiana Fairs and Festivals" Highlight the diversity of Louisiana Fairs and Festivals and how each one reflects a different part of the state's identity and heritage. Showcase the diversity and spirit that makes Louisiana unlike anywhere else!

Rules & Regulations (Grades 6—8) (Grades 9-12)

ONLY 20 ENTRIES PER CATEGORY PER SCHOOL (40 total entries per school possible)

1. Essay must contain between 500 and 800 words and must be the effort of one person only.
2. Essay may be handwritten (every other line) or typed (preferably double-spaced with 1 inch margins). Center the title on the first page.
3. Judging criteria: Spelling, grammar, phraseology, general interest, continuity, and adherence to theme.
4. Any sources used should be acknowledged in a bibliography. Pictures or diagrams may be included within the essay or in an appendix.
5. Prizes: 1st Place - \$50; 2nd Place - \$25; 3rd Place - \$15 (Winners will be eligible for the state contest)

Submit by Monday, September 14, 2026 to: Livingston Parish Fair Office
OR mail to: Karen McDonald, LPFA P.O. Box 655, Livingston, LA 70754
Livingston Parish School Board Office (optional)

DO NOT write your name on the essay. Attach a separate identification sheet clipped (not stapled) to the front. Staple the essay in the upper left-hand corner. Do not use folders. All entries become the property of the LPFA.

Please complete and CLIP this form to your submission. One entry per form.

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NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ PARENT'S NAME: _____

TITLE OF ESSAY: _____ SCHOOL NAME: _____

GRADE: _____