

Vardaman Sweet Potato Festival 2025

Writing & Artwork Rules and Prize List

Writing Grades 9-12	Writing Grades 7 & 8	Writing Grades 5 & 6	Artwork Grades 5 & 6	Artwork Grades 7-12	Photography Grades 7-12
1 st Place- \$100	1 st Place- \$50	1 st Place- \$50	1 st Place- \$50	1 st Place- \$100	1 st Place- \$100
2 nd Place- \$50	2 nd Place- \$25	2 nd Place- \$25	2 nd Place- \$25	2 nd Place- \$50	2 nd Place- \$50
3 rd Place- T-shirt	3 rd Place- T-shirt	3 rd Place- T-shirt	3 rd Place- T-shirt	3 rd Place- T-shirt	3 rd Place- T-shirt

****By entering the contest, you give the Sweet Potato Festival Committee the rights to print, display, and distribute your submission.****

The Sweet Potato Festival Committee will sponsor a writing and artwork contest for students in Calhoun County. There will be three awards in each division. The divisions will be 5th & 6th grades Artwork, 7th – 12th grades Artwork, 7th – 12th grades Photography, 5th & 6th grades Writing, 7th & 8th grades Writing, and 9th-12th grades Writing.

Theme

The theme for all contests is “Sweet Potatoes.” This may include the growing of sweet potatoes, the harvesting of sweet potatoes, the distribution of sweet potatoes, the Sweet Potato Festival, etc.

Writing (all divisions)

Students may submit a poem, essay, or short story. Writing must be typed and double-spaced. Writing must be submitted by **October 30, 2025, by 5:00pm.** Students will be assigned numbers. Names should NOT appear on writing. A completed entry form must accompany writings. Each student may only submit ONE entry.

All writing entries should be submitted with an entry form and turned in to Tim Wright at the Vardaman Public Library. You may email the entry, but it must be received by **October 30, 2025, by 5:00pm. to the following** email address:

sweetpotatofestival.writing@gmail.com

Artwork (5th & 6th)

Artwork must be presented on poster board and must be the original work of the entrant (no computer-generated clip art). All artwork must be submitted on or before **October 30, 2025, by 5:00pm.** to Tim Wright at the Vardaman Public Library. Students will be assigned numbers. Names should not appear on artwork. A completed entry form must accompany artwork. Each student may only submit ONE entry.

Artwork (7th – 12th)

Artwork should be presented on paper no larger than a poster board and must be the original work of the entrant (no computer-generated clip art). The art medium is at the discretion of the artist (pencil, pen, paint, etc.). All artwork must be submitted on or before **October 30, 2025, by 5:00pm.** to Tim Wright at Vardaman Public Library. Students will be assigned numbers. Names should not appear on artwork. A completed entry form must accompany artwork. Each student may only submit ONE entry.

Photography (7th – 12th)

Photography should be presented as the artist’s choice of a 4x6, 5x7, or 8x10 printed photograph, framed or unframed. The photograph must be the original work of the entrant and must have been taken within the 12 months prior to entry. Taking pictures of the festival events is encouraged. Collages are acceptable, but all the pictures must be the entrant’s original work. All entries must be submitted on or before **November 7, 2025, by 4:00pm.** to Tim Wright at the Vardaman Public Library. Students will be assigned numbers. A completed entry form must accompany artwork. Each student may only submit ONE entry.

Vardaman Sweet Potato Festival Committee
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***Name:** _____

***Phone Number:** _____

***Mailing Address:** _____

***Grade:** _____

***School:** _____

***Parents:** _____

***Category (check one):**

☐ Writing 5-6

☐ Artwork 5-6

☐ Writing 7-8

☐ Artwork 7-12

☐ Writing 9-12

☐ Photography 7-12

***Title of Submission:** _____

***T-shirt size (check one):**

Youth: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L

Adult: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL