

MHBA/MHYF Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals Arts Contest – Written Expression Category

Scorecard, Submission Form, & Statement of Authenticity

Overview:

The Arts Contest is unique in that it provides an opportunity for youth to demonstrate his/her creative abilities and self-expression through a number of different avenues. Youth are eligible to submit **up to five** different Arts exhibits (one submission for the 'Traditional Media' category, one submission for the 'Non-Traditional Media' category, one submission for the 'Crafts' category, one submission for the 'Written Expression' category, and one submission for the 'Performing Arts & Digital Media' category). Entry fees for each of these Arts categories are assessed *only* for youth **not** entering cattle in the MHBA/MHYF MHJN.

All Arts submissions **must** be created by the contestant themselves, without the assistance from a parent, guardian, or other adult (except in cases when adults serve as safety monitors). Contestant will be required to sign a Statement of Authenticity (which is included on the following pages). Each Arts submission must demonstrate originality. Should the submission(s) be determined to be the result of plagiarism, then all Arts entries made by the contestant will be disqualified.

The Written Expression category within the Arts Contest provides an opportunity for youth to showcase his/her writing abilities. These submissions may include poems, short stories, song lyrics, essays, opinion articles, and more. There are no restrictions as to the topic for Written Expression submissions (meaning that, although encouraged, submissions do not necessarily have to relate to Miniature Herefords or the cattle industry), assuming topics are appropriate for all ages. All Written Expression submissions **must be emailed** to the Arts Contest Coordinator by June 1st. **No late entries will be accepted at MHJN Check-in at the venue!**

Scorecard:

The following is the scorecard that will be utilized during the judging of all Arts – Written Expression submissions. Judging will be conducted according to contestant age class. Please note that judges will not have access to contestant names, as a method of avoiding potential conflicts.

Please refer to the following pages for the Arts – Written Expression Contest Scorecard and the Submission Form that must be filled out by each contestant and returned via email to the Arts Contest Coordinator, Alyssa DuVal (duval.alyssa3@gmail.com), no later than **June 1st.**

Arts – Written Expression Scorecard

Criteria	Elements Considered	Score	Judges Comment(s)
Originality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Expression shows clear signs of originality and reflects age-appropriate content • No evidence of plagiarism is present • As applicable (a written essay for example), any references included within the submission are appropriately cited in MLA format (i.e. sources are correctly cited) 	_____ out of 15 points possible	
Creativity and Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contestant creativity is clearly perceived (according to type of written expression submitted) • Contestant ‘voice’ and personality are clearly perceived within the tone and content of the Written Expression submission 	_____ out of 20 points possible	
Technique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing style is evaluated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Poems, song lyrics, essays, short stories, etc. each will be evaluated based upon standard formatting expectations while still allowing for creative variations • Spelling, grammar, punctuation are correct (age-appropriate expectations) • Handwritten and typed submission quality will be considered (age-appropriate expectations) 	_____ out of 10 points possible	
Submission Explanation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contestant submitted an explanation of the ‘Written Expression’ submission importance that explained <i>why</i> the author created the piece 	_____ out of 5 points possible	
TOTAL POINTS: _____ out of 50 points possible			

Submission Form –Written Expression Arts Contest:

Each contestant must complete the following form and include with the Written Expression submission. Submissions must be received by the Arts Contest Coordinator via email (duval.alyssa3@gmail.com) **no later than June 1st**. Written Expressions submitted after this date will **not** be accepted and entry fees will **not** be refunded. Written Expression entries may NOT be submitted during MHJN Check-in at the show venue.

1. Contestant Name:

2. Contestant Age:

3. Written Expression Submission Title:

4. Explanation of Written Expression Submission:

***Note:** Contestant written explanation (i.e. the author's intention & the importance of the submission) should identify why the author composed the piece and acknowledge its personal importance to the author (at a minimum).

Type your written explanation here:

Statement of Authenticity – Written Expression Arts Contest:

Each contestant must sign this ‘Statement of Authenticity – Written Expression Arts Contest’ and include with the Arts submission.

I, _____, do agree that all of the works submitted for the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association (MHBA) / Miniature Hereford Youth Foundation (MHYF) Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals (MHJN) Arts Contest are the result of my own creativity and activities. I agree that I physically composed/wrote the included ‘Written Expression’ submission and that the information included with my submission Explanation is the result of my own thoughts, intent, and interpretations. I also consent to allow my written expression to be printed in MHBA, MHYF, and MHJN publications.

Contestant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

***Note:** A Parent/Guardian signature is required for contestants in the Pre-Junior *and* Junior Arts contest.