

2010 Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation Middle School Essay Contest!



"I know of no pursuit in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture, its breed of useful animals, and other branches of a husbandman's cares."

- George Washington

This year's essay topic explores our first President as Farmer-In-Chief! Students in grades 6 through 8 are invited to compose a 450-600 word essay on **George Washington's progressive approach to farming and how his ideas continue to influence farming in America.**

Each essay must be supported by **three references**, one of which must be a book, and all of which must be properly cited at the end of the essay. Submissions must be typed, double spaced, using 12 point font. An attached cover page should include the student's name, grade level, name of school, school and home address, home phone number and the name of his or her teacher or parent (if home schooled). Please honor a limit of three entries per teacher.

All written material must be in the student's own words unless directly quoted as such from sources. Each essay must follow standard format with an introduction, body and conclusion. All students will receive a certificate of participation. The top three essays will be awarded cash prizes : 1st Place-\$100, 2nd Place-\$75, 3rd Place-\$50 and medallions. Winners will receive recognition at the State FFA Convention in June! The 1st Place winner's essay will be published in MAEF's summer newsletter and will appear on MAEF's website!

Deadline for entries is May 1, 2010

Please mail to: Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc.

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