COMMUNICATIONS

Each county may submit 2 entries total from 50367, 50368, 50369; and 1 entry from 50370.

50367  Creative Writing: Submit one of the following. The entry is to be typewritten on 8 ½ x 11 paper and include exhibitor’s name. Entries must be original and written for the 4-H project. Stories should be double-spaced. Poems may be single-spaced. The entries should be submitted by August 1 to the state 4-H office.
- Short Story – A fiction piece comprised of three basic elements: a theme, a plot and characters. Submit one story, maximum length – 2,000 words.
- Essay – A short nonfiction composition in which a theme is developed or an idea is expressed. Submit one essay, maximum length – 500 words.
- Feature Story -- Nonfiction human-interest story judged on interest to readers, writing style, readability, and thoroughness of coverage. Submit one story, maximum length – 1,000 words.

50368  Communications 1-3
For 1st year enrolled in project: Exhibit a binder portfolio showcasing at least three activities from the project manual. Show basic activities and anything that extended lessons. For 2nd and 3rd years in project: Include everything from earlier years’ work and add section showcasing at least four additional activities per year.

50369  Journalism
Exhibit a binder portfolio showing the results of the appropriate year’s activities noted below:
- Year 1: Accomplishments of a minimum of 5, 2-star activities from Part 1, answering all of the questions in the activities.
- Year 2: Results of doing a minimum of 5, 2-star activities in Part 2, answering all the questions in the activities.
- Year 3: Results of doing a minimum of 5, 3-star activities from Parts 1 and 2. One of the activities must include writing an advance story, a follow-up story, or a feature story.
- Year 4: Results of doing at least 2, 2-star activities and 3, 3-star activities from Part 3. If the activities include making an audio or videotape, State Fair will provide a way for the judge to view or listen to it.

50370  Communication Ready4Life Challenge: Open to 11- to 18-year-olds enrolled in Communication, Journalism, or Creative Writing.
Exhibits in this category must include the following: a) a physical representation of the career or business product such as a model, prototype or display/portfolio that includes images of accomplished work; b) verbal or written explanations that demonstrate knowledge of the related career or business fields, potential careers, and the appropriate requirements for achievement in those fields. The judging criteria for this class values thoroughness of career and/or business exploration and pursuit above the workmanship of the physical specimen on display.