

Ohio Farmers Union

Virgil Thompson

Memorial Scholarship



2014 THEMES:

(choose one of the following)

- Currently, in Ohio, water quality and nutrient management are at the forefront of environmental concern. What are the problems and causes? What can be done to restore and preserve our state's waters?
- Texting while driving recently surpassed drinking and driving and sleeping while driving as the number one cause of traffic fatalities in Ohio. Aside from passing a law to prohibit this activity, what can be done to reverse this trend?

The essay must be typed, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point font, and be 750 to 1,000 words in length. Contestants must not reveal their identity on the essay. This is to ensure "blind review" by the judge. It must be accompanied by an application which can be obtained from Ohio Farmers Union by calling 800-321-3671 or email lborton@ohfarmersunion.org.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of Ohio Farmers Union who is enrolled as a full-time college sophomore, junior or senior student is eligible to apply. Applicants need not have a membership in their own name if their parents or grandparents are members.

To become a member of Ohio Farmers Union, call 800-321-3671.

JUDGES: All submitted essays will be judged by educational professionals not associated with Ohio Farmers Union.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Ohio Farmers Union application and essay must be postmarked by December 31, 2013.

JUDGING CRITERIA: All essays will be judged on:

50% Creativity
25% Topic Development
25% Presentation

The three (3) finalists will present their essays during the Ohio Farmers Union 80th Convention. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the convention.

The scholarship is \$1,000 to the winner and \$500 to two runners-up. The award is paid to the winner and the winner's choice of institution of higher learning at the time of enrollment.

Entries should be mailed to:

Virgil Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Ohio Farmers Union
P. O. Box 363 - Ottawa, Ohio 45875
Must be postmarked by December 31, 2013

Virgil Thompson Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male Female (Circle One)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone : (_____) _____

County: _____

Ohio Farmers Union membership
Parents or Grandparents Name: _____

College Major: _____

College Attending: _____

College Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

College Phone : (_____) _____

Applicants Must Submit the Following in Typed Format

1. Completed application form
2. Typed essay 750 to 1,000 words in length – choose one of the two themes on the reverse side.
3. Contestants must not reveal their identity on the essay. This is to ensure “blind review” by the judge.
4. Eligibility criteria: Any member of Ohio Farmers Union who is enrolled as a full-time college sophomore, junior or senior student is eligible to apply

If you are selected as a scholarship winner, do we have your permission to re-print your essay or other excerpts in the Ohio Country Messenger, the official publication of Ohio Farmers Union?
Yes No (circle one)

Please return the completed application form to:

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419-523-5300 or 800-321-3671

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