Ohio Farmers Union
Joseph Fichter Scholarship

2018 THEME:
What are the unique needs of family farmers and rural residents regarding healthcare insurance? Does the U.S. system work and should government be more or less involved?

The essay must be typed, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point font, and be 500 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.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of Ohio Farmers Union who is a high school senior 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 January 19, 2018.

JUDGING CRITERIA: All essays will be judged on:

- 50% Creativity
- 25% Topic Development
- 25% Presentation

The two (2) finalists will present their essays during the Ohio Farmers Union 83rd Convention. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the convention.

The scholarship is $1,000 to the winner and $250 to the runner-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:
Joseph Fichter Scholarship
Ohio Farmers Union
P. O. Box 363 - Ottawa, Ohio 45875
Must be postmarked by January 19, 2018
Joseph Fichter Scholarship
Application Form

Name: ________________________________________________

Age: __________________________ Sex: Male Female (Circle One)

Home Address: __________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Phone: ______________________ E-mail: ______________________

County: __________________________

Ohio Farmers Union membership

Parents or Grandparents Name: __________________________________

High School Name & Grade: __________________________________

Applicants Must Submit the Following in Typed Format

1. Completed application form.

2. Typed essay 500 to 1,000 words in length - theme 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 a high school senior 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:
Joseph Fichter Scholarship
Ohio Farmers Union
P.O. Box 363 - Ottawa, Ohio 45875
419-523-5300 or 800-321-3671

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