

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**2024 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**  
**Adams County and Nebraska Association for Family  
and Community Education**

**THEME: “WHAT IS MY HERITAGE”**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any fifth-grade student who attends public, parochial, private or home schools may compete in Adams County or is an Adams County resident is welcome to enter the contest. THE COUNTY FCE association will judge all entries from each school. Each county will send the first place winner to state competition.

**LENGTH AND CRITERIA:** 200-250 word essay handwritten (printed or cursive writing) on one side of the paper.

The essay will be judged on creativity, logical thinking, research, organization, neatness, spelling and grammar.

**IDENTIFICATION:** On the back of each page, state the student’s name, name of parent or guardian, home address, teacher, school, and county where student lives.

**WRITING GUIDELINES:**

1. Essay must have the title written out, “**What is My Heritage**”.
2. The body of the essay should discuss why the student chose that element of their Heritage.
3. The concluding paragraph will summarize his/her points.

**ENTERING THE ESSAY:** County Deadline is Tuesday, February 20, 2024 by 5:00PM

**Postmarked no later than** February 20, 2024

Mail to: Nebraska Extension – Adams County

P.O. Box 30  
Hastings, NE 68902-0030

OR

Deliver to: Nebraska Extension – Adams County

2975 S Baltimore Ave  
Hastings, NE

The top essay will represent Adams County at the FCE State Convention in September 2024.

First Place County Prize: \$20.00

Second Place County Prize: \$15.00

Third Place County Prize: \$10.00

All students will receive an awards certificate for participating in the contest.