

Student Days

at Scarborough Renaissance Festival®

2020 Essay Contest

Rules and Registration

Goals:

- ❖ Promote development of writing skills.
- ❖ Inspire students to engage in learning about Renaissance era events, history, and public figures.

Essay Themes & Guidelines:

Essay contest entries may be either typed or hand written. If typed, they should be written double-spaced in Times New Roman font and a 12-14 point font size. If hand written, they must be written legibly and in print.

- **Elementary:** A fictional essay or story of no more than 400 words based on the following historically based topic:
 - “Who I Want To Meet from 16th Century England”
- **Middle School:** A biographical essay of no more than 800 words on one of the following figures from history:
 - Henry VIII, King of England
 - Margaret Tudor, Queen of Scotland
 - Thomas Cromwell, Secretary of State

Students should cite their sources of research on their subject in a bibliography.

- **High School:** An informative essay of no more than 1200 words on one of the following topics:
 - The Pilgrimage of Grace of 1536
 - Origin, History, and Evolution of the Gutenberg Press
 - The History of Renaissance Festivals in the United States

Students should cite a minimum of three sources of research on their subject and provide end-notes and a bibliography.

Registration Information:

- ❖ Students may enter an **original work** in one of the three following categories based upon their grade level:
 - **Elementary School** (grades K-5)
 - **Middle School** (grades 6-8)
 - **High School** (grades 9-12)
- ❖ A physical copy of the essay must be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Scarborough Renaissance Festival® Student Days Staff by the deadline of **April 1, 2020**. Any entries received with a post mark after this date will not be entered into the contest. Limit one entry per student.
- ❖ Students entering in the Essay Contest must be present at Student Days on **April 28, 2020** to win.
- ❖ The student's school **must be registered and paid** to attend Student Days at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® no later than **April 1, 2020**.

Judging & Awards:

- ❖ Essays will be judged before Student Days on **April 28, 2020**, but winners will be announced and awards distributed at the Royal Awards Ceremony on Student Days.
- ❖ Essay judges will consist of approved educators, performers, and staff members by Scarborough Renaissance Festival®. All judges' decisions are final.
- ❖ Students participating in this contest must check in at the Wedding Garden inside the Front Gate upon arrival at Student Days on **April 28, 2020** by 11:00am. This is necessary for the student to receive recognition at the Royal Awards Ceremony. Participating students must be present to win.
- ❖ Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finalists in each category. Awards will be presented to the winners at the Royal Awards Ceremony held during the Student Days schedule of events at 1:00pm on the Crown Stage.

Disclaimer:

- ❖ All submissions become the property of Scarborough Renaissance Festival® and may be considered for publication in a forthcoming anthology and may appear on the website www.srfestival.com. The Scarborough Renaissance Festival® will acquire all copyrights to submitted materials.
- ❖ Commercial photography and filming activities are conducted at Scarborough Renaissance Festival®. You may appear in the resulting pictures or films that may be used in connection with advertising, news reporting, entertainment or other activities. Entry into the park and/or purchase of an admission ticket constitutes your consent for Scarborough Renaissance Festival® to use the pictures and films.

All Entries Should Be Mailed To:

Scarborough Renaissance Festival®
P.O. Box 538
Waxahachie, TX 75168
Attn: Student Days Essay Contest

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Essay Contest Registration Form

(Please Print)

Form declaring intent to compete, along with your entry, must be received by April 1, 2020.

No late entries will be accepted. No exceptions!

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

Grade: _____

Category (mark one):

____ Elementary School (grade K-5)

____ Middle School (grade 6-8)

____ High School (grade 9-12)

Teacher's Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Essay Topic: _____

Title of Essay: _____