



# ESSAY CONTEST

## High School Students: Share Your Appreciation for Florida Agriculture for a Chance to Win \$1,500 (& More Prizes!)

Celebrate October's Farm to School Month and honor your community's farmers by entering the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness's (FNW) first-ever Florida Farm to School Essay Contest!

### PRIZES:

The top three winners will be invited to an exclusive meet and greet with Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson. Additional prizes include:

#### First Place

- **\$1,500** Florida Prepaid 529 Savings Plan
- Your essay published with Specialty Crop Grower magazine
- Special recognition at the 2025 Farm to School Conference

#### Second Place

**\$1,000** Florida Prepaid 529 Savings Plan

#### Third Place

**\$500** Florida Prepaid 529 Savings Plan

### ENTRY PERIOD:

Oct. 1 - Nov. 15, 2024

### WHO CAN ENTER:

Florida high school students in grades 9-12

### HOW TO ENTER:

Submit a 500- to 800-word essay on one of the following topics. (See website for full topics.)

- 1. Letter to a Farmer:** Thank a Florida farmer for their contributions.
- 2. Nourish Your Future:** Persuade your peers to eat locally grown foods.
- 3. If I Were a Farmer:** Imagine your life as a farmer and how you'd impact your community.

Learn more and enter:  
[FarmToSchoolFL.com/Essay](https://FarmToSchoolFL.com/Essay)



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