Essay Rules:

1. Each entrant must hand write his or her essay.
2. Each entrant may enter only one essay.
3. Entrant’s name, address, telephone number, school and grade level must be included on the back of the essay.
4. Essays will be on display for the duration of the fair. Students may claim their essays at the fair office on Sunday, March 1st by 12:00 PM. Any essays not picked up by this time, become the sole property of the Starr County Fair Association.
5. Essay Length:
   - 2nd – 3rd: 150 words or less
   - 4th – 5th: 200 words or less
6. Categories for Competition:
   - For each of the following grades, students will compete only with other students in that grade category.
   - The categories are 2nd – 3rd and 4th – 5th.
7. Judging:
   - Papers will be judged on correct English usage, grammar, handwriting and how well the essay topic is answered.

Essay Topics:

Grades 2nd – 3rd – Happy Memories. Write a story about one of your happiest memories.

Grades 4th – 5th – Special Moments. Think of a specific day or event that you will always remember. What made it so special?