

2020 CJLA ESSAY CONTEST ***DUE JANUARY 25, 2021***

The purpose of this CJLA Essay Contest is to offer an additional venue for CJLA members to participate and earn awards and recognition within the association. The goal of the writing contest is to encourage enhancement of written communication skills, and to allow CJLA members to express their views and thoughts on the chosen topic. It is open to all 2020 CJLA members.

Winners will be selected in three age divisions. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place essays in each of these divisions.

CJLA Essay Contest Rules

1. **Entries should be informative and the contestants own thoughts.** Entries should not be research papers. It should be the writer's purpose to create an entry that expresses your thoughts and is suitable for printing on the CJLA website, in the Pacific Showcase magazine, and in other CJLA related publications.
2. **Participants must be a current year (2020) paid member of the CJLA.** Past year members (who are no longer a current paid member), and those joining CJLA for the first time in 2021, are not eligible to participate in the Essay Contest.
3. **There will be three age divisions:** Junior (9-12); Intermediate (13-15); and Senior (16-19). CJLA Heifer Division members may participate in the Senior Division of the Essay Contest thru age 21. This is in accordance with the eligibility of CJLA Heifer Division membership. (Ages for each division follow CJLA age rules – a members' age on January 1st of current year will be the age they compete in throughout the current year.)
4. **Only one essay will be accepted per CJLA member.** Essay must be entered and judged in the age division in which the CJLA member is eligible for.
5. **Essays cannot be copies of other essays or written works.** Submitted works must be original material of the contestant only. Any infraction of this rule will result in disqualification of entry.
6. **Essays must be received by JANUARY 25, 2021. All essays must be submitted by e-mail** to Heidi Beljean at pacshow@earthlink.net. Complete Essay Contest rules and information are also posted on the CJLA website: www.cjlainfo.com.
7. **Essays must be submitted with a cover sheet** that includes: the Title of your essay, Name, Age, Complete mailing address, E-mail address, and Telephone number. A photo may be submitted (optional) for use with essay if chosen for publication.

Essays must be double-spaced and in 14-point font.

TOPIC: This year we would like to hear your thoughts on dealing with Covid-19, raising and showing your projects, plans for the upcoming year and the future, and how CJLA and its' shows have helped. You may expand on these ideas in any way you wish. Listed below are the word parameters for each age group.

Junior Division Essay must be 400 to 600 words.

Intermediate Division Essay must be 700 to 900 words.

Senior Division Essay must be 1000 to 1200 words.

ALL ESSAYS MUST BE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL BY JANUARY 25, 2021. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED.

Winners will be announced at the CJLA Award Ceremonies during Western Bonanza Jr Livestock Show –
Feb. 11-14, 2021