



WASHINGTON
FFA ASSOCIATION

Citizenship Award

Due: April 1

Each year, the Washington FFA Association offers the opportunity for its members to participate in an essay contest to exercise both their writing abilities and their first amendment rights. Often, it is an unrealized privilege that youth in America have citizenship rights that many of their global peers lack. We have intentionally selected a topic that leaves a broad interpretation for writers to formulate their thoughts on the annual subject. The top-ranked essay winner will be invited to read their speech on-stage at the Washington FFA Convention in Pullman, Washington.

All work must be original writings of the author. We encourage the editorial support of your agriculture and English language instructors for the best possible results.

The Citizenship Award is open to all active FFA members in high school.

The application consists of the following items:

- This application page, completed.
- The applicant's resume (two pages, single-sided).
- An official transcript of credits and grades from the applicant's school.
- Three letters of recommendation regarding the service of the applicant. One of the letters must be written by the agriculture instructor or chapter advisor.
- Your original citizenship essay on the following page, not to exceed 300 words.

Full Name: _____

Chapter: _____ District: _____

Advisor(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Applicant Signature

Advisor Signature

This form is due by April 1 to:

Washington FFA Association
ATTN: Citizenship Award
P.O. Box 789
Pullman, WA 99163

Your original citizenship essay in response to the following prompt (not to exceed 300 words):

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective.” What does it mean to be a loyal American citizen who also has a broad, evolving world perspective?