



# New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association 2026 Agriculture Heritage Essay Contest



## Entry Form

**Name:**

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(Please Print)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Contest Rules:

1. Must be between age 13 and 17 years old
2. Essay must be 350 to 500 words explaining “**How does your Heritage advance and promote New Mexico Cattle Growers’ Association?**”
3. Deadline: All Essays MUST be received in the NMCGA office NO LATER than **May 9, 2026.**
4. Applicants understand that any essay received may be used by NMCGA for publication.
5. NMCGA Promotion and Marketing Committee will determine the recipient. Winners are selected by response to the written essay prompt.
6. Buckles and one year’s membership will be awarded at your county fair to one student in each region of the state. All regional winners will automatically advance to the statewide competition, where one overall winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.
7. Previous year winners will not be eligible to compete. Previous winners must set out 1 year before entering a second time.

### Submit Essays to:

By mail:

**NMCGA / PO Box 850 / Moriarty, NM 87035**

By email: [nmcgaheritage@gmail.com](mailto:nmcgaheritage@gmail.com)