



2018 Written Test - Writing Exercise Hot Topics

All candidates will complete a written essay on a topic relevant to agriculture, FFA or the American education system. The purpose of the essay is focused on student's ability to convey knowledge and understanding in a different way than allowed through multiple choice questions.

Each year a theme will be identified (Agriculture, FFA or American Education). The theme and a list of potential topics will be published for all candidates. Candidates are encouraged to understand each topic very well. However, the essay will also require candidates to demonstrate an understanding of how that particular topic relates to the other themes, not reflected in that particular year (i.e., if agriculture is the theme during the current year then the essay question will require students to demonstrate understanding of the topic as well as the relationship that topic shares with FFA and/or the American education system.)

Topics for the writing exercise will fall within the following area of knowledge for 2018:

2018 – Agriculture: current events and issues

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The following is a listing of 5 "hot topics" within the theme of Agriculture current events and issues to guide your preparation for this round in the 2018 selection process.

- Feeding a growing world population
- Water issues facing Texas agriculture
- Sustainable agriculture
- The effect of immigrant labor within the agricultural industry
- Agriculture's role in tackling the issues of American obesity and poor nutrition

For more information regarding this interview round please reference the Texas State Officer Selection Process Handbook.