

## The IFDA National Championship 2026 Children's Contest

### **Presented by: Fleet Advantage**

The children's contest consists of two parts depending on grade level. The writing contest is open to children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above to answer three questions about their championship competitor. Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and below may enter by drawing a picture that illustrates why their competitor is special to them.

Answers to the writing contest will be judged on three criteria:

**Originality:** (50%) The answers should be unique to your competitor and their participation in work, family, and community.

**Creativity:** (30%) The answers should provoke emotion.

**Clarity of Thought:** (20%) The answers should be coherent and easy to follow.

### **Contest rules:**

By submitting an entry, contestant accepts and agrees to comply with these rules:

- All contestants must have a parent or relative **participating as a competitor** in the IFDA National Championship.
- All essays and drawings submitted should have the name of child, grade, age, and competitor's number (which will be available at registration).
- The contest forms will be available to complete in advance of the National Championship, but they must be submitted on-site.
- All entries will be property of Fleet Advantage and IFDA and won't be returned.
- Winning essays and drawings may be used by IFDA and/or Fleet Advantage for social media, website or promotional purposes.
- All entries must be the original work of the contestant.
- Only one (1) submission per contestant.
- Contestant must be present at the banquet dinner to receive their prize.
- All judgements are final.

#### **3<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Grand Prize \$150  
Second Prize: \$100  
Third Prize: \$75

#### **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Grand Prize \$150  
Second Prize \$100  
Third Prize \$75

#### **9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Grand Prize \$150  
Second Prize \$100  
Third Prize \$75

**Drawing Contest:** Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and below may draw a picture of their competitor in place of the writing contest. The winner will receive a gift basket from Fleet Advantage.

\*A photo of the contestant will be taken on-site during registration by FA/IFDA staff