

## **Project Essay**

This page replaces the “Project Story Outline” page.

Your essay will relate to this year’s skilathon topic which is **Nutrition**. Refer to the list below for the prompt assigned to your age category. Write your essay on the “Project Story” pages. Be sure to use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation in your writing. If you wish to make an outline or use a graphic organizer, you may use the bottom of this page. This page will not be scored.

### **Beef, Steer, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, Poultry, and Swine**

**Junior (age 8 – 10 as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>):** Good Nutrition is basic to your animal’s good health. Explain what the most important nutrient in your animals’ diet is and why you think it is important.

**Intermediate (age 11 – 13 as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>):** When choosing a feed for your project animal species you should look at several types of feed and determine which is best for your project. Describe at least 3 things you should be looking for in a feed and why you think that is important to the success of your project.

**Senior (age 14+ as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>):** Explain what the Veterinary Feed Directive is. After doing your research, what are your thoughts/opinions on this directive?

### **Dog**

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**Senior (age 14+ as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>):** You just got a new dog, explain what considerations should be taken when determining the amount of food to feed your animal. Be sure to explain each consideration in detail.

### **Llama**

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**Senior (age 14+ as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>):** Your animal can develop issues if its nutrition is not closely watched. Explain at least 2 disorders that may occur. Be sure to explain the cause, signs/symptoms, and how to avoid or treat an animal with that nutritional disorder.