



**2017 Ohio State Fair**  
**4-H SPELLING BEE COMPETITION**  
**Open to all Ohio 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
**4-H Members & Non-4-H Members**

This competition is an educational and fun event for all Ohio students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. It is not a sanctioned Bee and winners do not advance to any other Bee or competition, but it is great practice and fun for the students!

<b>Entry Deadline:</b>	June 2	
<b>Registration Date/Time:</b>	July 29 - 8:00a	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders – Janis Center Lobby
<b>Event Date/Time:</b>	July 29 - 9:00a	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders
<b>Registration Date/Time:</b>	July 29 - 12:00p	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders – Janis Center Lobby
<b>Event Date/Time:</b>	July 29 - 1:00p	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders ( <i>following 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Graders</i> )

**Competition Notes:**

- Eligibility
  - There will be two competitions; one for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders and one for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Students compete in the grade level in which they are in at the time of registration (i.e. their 2016-17 grade level).
  - Each school may recommend **two students for each grade level**.
  - Each 4-H County Extension office may recommend one student for each grade level.
  - All 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are permitted to enter (even if they entered in 2016). However, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader that participated in 2016 is not eligible for the 2017 competition as they will have already completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Each school and county extension office will be notified of acceptance via email.
  - Study links and competition regulations will be emailed to each student by the end of June (i.e. 2015 Merriam Webster National Spelling Bee study guide).
  
- Entering
  - There is no entry fee to compete in this competition.
  - Entry Form is listed below.
  - You may email , mail or fax entries to:

Sally McClaskey  
Ohio 4-H Center  
2201 Fred Taylor Drive  
Columbus, OH 43210  
Email: [mcclaskey.12@osu.edu](mailto:mcclaskey.12@osu.edu)  
Fax: 614.292-5937

- Fair Admissions and Parking
  - Two complimentary Ohio State Fair admission tickets (one for student and one for accompanying adult), and a map of the grounds will be sent to each participant.
  - Include the whole family by ordering Discount Tickets in advance online at [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com).
  - Parking is in the north general admission lot and costs \$5.
  
- General Rules
  - **Allow ample time to park in the north lot and register at the 2017 site, located in the south end of the Fairgrounds at the Janis Center.** No student will be admitted to the competition after it begins.
  - Once students are on grounds, and have registered for the competition (in the Janis Center), they will be required to stay in a competition waiting area.
  - This competition is for fun! While it is not a sanctioned spelling bee with any other organization and the winners do not advance to any other competition, it is a real competition. When a word is missed, the student is out of the competition. A second chance to spell a word will not be permitted.
  - The Spelling Bee will be conducted orally.
  - Students are encouraged to study all words in the Study Guide; youth may be given words from a grade higher or lower than their grade level.
  - Once the competition for an age level starts, it will run straight through until completed and awards are presented.
  - Restrooms are located off the lobby. Should it become necessary for a student to visit one from the competition stage, we will have someone accompany them there and back.
  - A news release with the winning names will be sent to participating schools and the winner's local newspapers.
  - Once the competition is over, we encourage you to take time to enjoy the Fair.

**Judging guidelines:**

- There will be at least two qualified and impartial judges for the competition.
- Judge's decisions are final.

**Awards:**

1. **The Champion from the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade competitions will receive:**
  - \$100
  - Ohio State Fair Ride Wristband
  
2. **The Runner-Up from the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade competitions will receive:**
  - \$50
  - Ohio State Fair Ride Wristband
  
3. **All competing students who make it to the final round will receive a special Rosette.**
  
4. **All students who compete will receive a Participation Ribbon.**

# Ohio State Fair 4-H Spelling Bee Competition

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**Martin Janis Center Auditorium**  
**(south west corner of grounds)**  
**SATURDAY, July 29, 2017**  
**School Entry Form**

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (3-6): \_\_\_\_\_

(One child and one adult admission ticket will be mailed to this contact.)

Parents/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby submit the above named student to represent our school in the Ohio State Fair 4-H Spelling Bee. This student is enrolled in the grade indicated above, and understands that he/she will compete in that age level at the Ohio State Fair Spelling Bee. If our application is accepted, the school and student will be notified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Email, mail or fax completed application form (by June 2, 2017) to:**

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