

Poster Contest Registration and Entry Instructions

About the National Conservation Poster Contest

The annual National Conservation Poster Contest provides K-6 students with the opportunity to convey their thoughts about soil, water, and related natural resource issues through art. Each year, the contest theme follows the annual stewardship theme of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). The contest highlights the educational outreach efforts of conservation districts and their state conservation associations and is co-sponsored by the NACD and the NACD Auxiliary. It is open to all public, private, and home-schooled students.



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Conservation Districts

Students first enter their posters into their Soil & Water Conservation District's local contest. Winning posters then advance to the State and National contests.

For more information on the 2024 Poster Contest and learning resources, contact Louisa at louisa@knox-lincoln.org or (207) 596-2040.

2024 Conservation Poster Contest

Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce the 2024 Annual Conservation Poster Contest theme: **"May The Forest Be With You Always"**.

Trees are vital. As the biggest plants on the planet, they absorb carbon from the atmosphere, stabilize the soil, filter water, provide healthy habitat for wildlife and offer many additional benefits – for nature, people and biodiversity. Not only is it necessary to protect existing trees and plant new ones, but it's also important to advocate and educate about trees and forest conservation within your community.



Registration and Entry

- Please [register your classroom or student group online](#) for the poster contest. **Educators are encouraged to register as soon as they know they are participating:**
 - **Register on or before Thursday, December 21, if you would like a complementary classroom visit.** Visits are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from December 12 to February 2 by Knox-Lincoln SWCD Staff, who will spend 30-45 minutes introducing the poster contest theme and key ideas related to the contest to your classroom through interactive activities. *Note classroom visits are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.*
 - **Register on or before Friday, January 26, if you choose to forgo the classroom visit** and introduce the contest and poster theme to your students yourself. A resource guide with lesson plans, suggested activities, books, and videos will be provided to all teachers who participate.
- **Posters are due on Friday, February 16.** Posters can be:
 - **Picked up at your school office on February 16.** If you choose this option, **the posters must be in your school office by 8 am.**
 - **Dropped off on February 16** at the Knox-Lincoln SWCD office.
 - **Sent by mail and delivered by February 16** at the Knox-Lincoln SWCD.
- Please attach a [2024 Poster Contest Form](#) to the back of each poster using masking tape.
- **Winners** of each category (K-1, 2-3, 4-6), will be announced by March 1. Category winners will automatically be entered into the State Competition. All other submissions will be returned via mail or dropped off at local schools by March 1, 2024.

Poster Criteria

- Poster size is flexible depending on what teachers have available to them. **Posters must be at least 8.5"x11"**. Do not use neon-colored paper.
- **Any media may be used**, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials.

- Posters must include the poster theme, **May The Forest Be With You Always**.
- Student **names must only be written on the back** of the poster, not the front. **Please attach a [2024 Poster Contest Form](#) to the back of each poster using masking tape.**
- Entry must be the contestant's **original creation**. Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do their own work. Note: Entries with student handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.
- Each poster must be created by an **individual student**, rather than a team of students.
- Students in **grades K-6** are eligible to participate.

Helpful Links:

[Poster contest website](#)

[Poster contest registration](#)

[2024 Poster Contest Form](#) - *this form must be attached to the back of each poster using masking tape*

[May The Forest Be With You Always Poster Contest Teacher Resources](#)

Questions? Contact louisa@knox-lincoln.org