



Gilchrist Soil & Water District Poster Contest

***** Posters due Wednesday, May 1st *****

**Winning posters will advance to the area contest on May 9th in Gainesville
Area winners will be submitted to the state contest on June 6th**

District Contest

- Open to Gilchrist County students grade K-12th
- Posters need to be delivered in person to 729 East Wade Street Trenton, FL 32693 by Wednesday, May 1st @ 4pm.
- You must attach the entry form in this packet to the back of the poster.

See the attached pages for the entry form and more information.

POSTER CONTEST

Divisions & Awards are as follows:

K -1st	\$50 gift card for 1st place
2nd-3rd	\$35 gift card for 2nd place
4th-6th	\$25 gift card for 3rd place
7th-9th	*per division
10th-12th	

Area & State Contest

Winning posters will be electronically submitted. Winner does not attend.

Contest Information

You can find more information on the following websites:

<https://www.afcd.us/poster-contest>

<https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/>

For More Information

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POSTER CONTEST RULES

ELIGIBILITY

The Gilchrist Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest is open to Gilchrist County students (public, private or home educated) grades kindergarten through twelfth grade.

CONTEST RULES

Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters).

Poster size must be between 8.5"x11" and 22"x28".

Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when submitted to GSWCD.

All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.

The theme/words: "May The Forest Be With You Always" must be incorporated in the artwork.

EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE A SIGNED ENTRY FORM AFFIXED TO THE BACK OF THE POSTER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR JUDGING.

Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, GSWCD encourages each student to do as much work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored with adult assistance.

POSTER EVALUATIONS

- Accuracy of conservation message (50 percent)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent)
- Universal appeal (10 percent)
- Also taken into consideration, artwork on poster is that of participant (unless noted on entry form)

PRIZE LEVELS

- Grade Categories: K-1st; 2nd-3rd; 4th-6th; 7th-9th; 10th-12th
- Cash prizes of 1st = \$50; 2nd = \$35; 3rd = \$25 in each Grade category
- Winners at the local level will advance to the Area II contest, with a chance of advancing to the State contest. Local winner names will be announced on our Facebook page and website.



Area Poster Entries to the State/ National Contest

Please include this form with the posters you are submitting by email for the area contest. This submission will be used with winning posters being submitted to nationals.

State: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address for contact:

_____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Name of winner:

Winner's district:

K-1 _____

2-3 _____

4-6 _____

7-9 _____

10-12 _____

Total number of entries in your state contest, i.e. total of all local entries in each of the age categories below:

K-1 _____ 2-3 _____ 4-6 _____ 7-9 _____ 10-12 _____ TOTAL _____

NOTE: When submitting your poster entries to the national competition, please be sure that poster entry forms are complete, legible, signed by parent or guardian, and attached to the email. Name the PDF/JPG file for each poster you are submitting electronically in the following format:

State_Category_First and Last Name of the winner



National Association of Conservation Districts



2024 NACD Hand Drawn Poster Contest



The National Conservation Poster Contest is open to K-12th grade students.

Artwork entered in the national competition must first have been judged in a local or area conservation district sponsored poster contest and a state conservation association or state auxiliary sponsored contest.

Posters must be uploaded through the online submission form found on the NACD Education Hub Contests page.

To find who in your state/territory is in charge of the NACD poster contest, visit the [NACD Conservation District Directory](#) and contact your state/territory association of conservation districts.

States conservation association, auxiliary or state poster contest sponsors select a poster to enter in each of the two-grade divisions. (K-1; 2-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12) States are not required to enter a poster for every grade level.

Contest Rules

- Traditional painted or drawn posters should be scanned and uploaded as a PDF.
- **Size:** The poster design size should meet the requirements of the state contest.
- Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials.
- All posters must be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students. Entry must be contestant's original creation and may not be traced from photographs or other artists' published works.
- The 2024 Stewardship theme **“May The Forest Be With You Always”** must be included on the front side of each poster submission to be eligible for the national poster contest.
- 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.
- **Only official state poster contest sponsors** can submit entries for the national contest. Entries must be uploaded by December 1, 2023.



Poster Evaluations

National Poster Contest entries are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent) (Poster uses correct theme)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent) and
- Universal appeal (10 percent)

Local and state contest awards and sponsors will differ from state to state. Depending on the sponsoring state's conservation association, auxiliary, or agency's preference, the national awards will be presented at a national, regional, state, and/or local conservation ceremony. The winning posters will be featured at NACD's Annual Meeting. Each state conservation association, auxiliary or agency contact will receive notification of the judging results and a news release announcing the winners.

For more information, please email ashley.cook-gregory@fdacs.gov