



2021 Poster Contest

Eligibility

The National Conservation Poster Contest is open to kindergarten through twelfth grade students. Artwork entered into the national competition must have been judged in a local or area conservation district sponsored poster contest and a state conservation association or state auxiliary sponsored contest.

There will be judging at the county level for all categories.

2021 Contest Theme

The National Poster Contest theme **"Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities"**

Poster category by grade: K-1; 2-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12

The contest is open to public, private or home school students.

The winners from each category will be sent to the state for the state competition.

Contest Rules

The contest rules were created so as not to limit or revise the current rules of local and state conservation poster contests:

At the District level we will accept photographs or scanned copies of the hand drawn posters in a JPEG format and the posters themselves, mailed or dropped off. Photographs must be clear and well framed.

- 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 2021 Stewardship theme "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities" must be included on the front side of each poster submission to be eligible for the national poster contest.
- Each poster submitted electronically should be named in the following format: **State_Grade Level_Last Name** of the winner.
- Each entry for the contest must be submitted to Cecil Soil Conservation District with an NACD **entry form** to be eligible for judging. The form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

•Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, CSCD 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.

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.





National Association of Conservation Districts

Please check appropriate category:

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

PLEASE PLACE THIS DOCUMENT/FORM ON THE BACK OF THE POSTER OR EMAIL IT FOR EACH SUBMITTED POSTER

STUDENT

Name First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____ Students Age: _____ Grade level: _____

(Address Optional)

Please circle one:

Yes or No: This poster is the original work of the student named above.

Yes or No: The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If answered "yes," please include a brief explanation.

PARENT/GUARDIANS SIGNATURE **X** _____ DATE _____

Printed name of parent or guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardians signature will allow the NACD/the Conservation District listed below to utilize poster submission for educational or promotional purposes.

Email Address _____ Phone Number: () _____

SCHOOL/GROUP/ORGANIZATION

Please choose: Public School Private School Home School Organization Other

Name: _____

Contact: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name: **CECIL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT** _____

Contact: **CHRIS BROWN, DISTRICT MGT** _____ Email Address: **cecilsd@gmail.com** _____

Address: **105 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite B-3** _____ City: **Elkton** _____ State: **MD** _____ Zip: **21921**

Phone Number: (**410**) **398-4411, extension 3**

**The local entries are due to the District by
June 1, 2021. Be sure to attached this form.
Thank you**