



Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District 2021 Conservation Poster Contest

The Annual Conservation Poster Contest, sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts, is an opportunity for students to interpret and express their thoughts, their visions about soil, water and related natural resource issues through art and creativity. The contest is open to all K-12 students in public, private, and homeschools in the localities we proudly serve—Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa and Nelson Counties and the City of Charlottesville. Each year, the poster contest starts at the local district level. Local District winners advance to the state level. Only Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts can forward their local winning poster entries to the VASWCD office for consideration at the state level. Virginia state winners will advance to the National Contest. Winners of the National competition in each grade level category will receive cash prizes and recognition at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) in February. The poster contest theme follows the annual NACD Stewardship theme.



2021 Contest Theme: Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities

Simply put, trees are vital. As the biggest plants on the planet, trees 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. *2021 Conservation Poster Contest is a tree-mendous place to start!*

Plus, any Girl Scout or Boy Scout who creates a poster and submits it to TJSWCD for judging can earn the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) Poster Contest Patch. Please Note: when submitting a poster to earn the Poster Contest Patch, be sure to check the box on the entry form. Conservation Poster Patches are distributed in December each year.

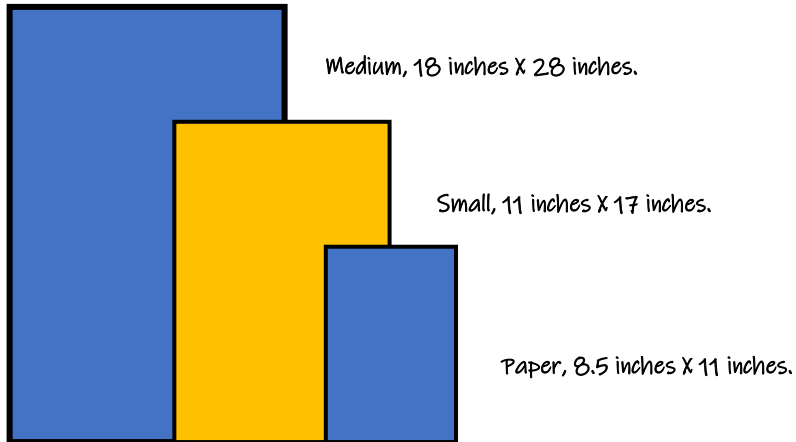


Rules for the 2021 Conservation Poster Contest

- The contest is open to public, private or home school students, in grades K-12 in our District-- Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa and Nelson Counties and the City of Charlottesville.
- TJSWCD will accept hand-drawn posters using any media to create flat posters, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials. Poster must be contestant's original creation.
- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 18" x 28".
- TJSWCD requires hand-drawn posters to be submitted electronically (photographs or scanned copies of the hand-drawn posters in a JPEG format). Photographs may be taken with any mobile device (phone, camera or tablet) and must be clear and well-framed.
- All posters must be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students. Posters with multiple student names will not be judged
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, it is encouraged that each student do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will typically score better than those designed, drawn and colored with adult assistance.

- The 2021 theme "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities" must be included on the front side of each poster submission to be eligible for the national poster contest. Posters without the theme/title will not be judged)
- Electronically submit the Local Poster Contest entry form with the poster. The Local Poster Contest entry form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Please print clearly. Entries can be submitted by teachers, but forms must have parent/guardian signature.
- Poster must be received on time for judging by October 6, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

For Example, Standard Poster Sizes



Grade Level Categories:

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

TJSWCD Conservation Poster Contest:

- All participants will receive a ribbon of participation.
- A photo of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place posters will be displayed on our website and our Facebook page.
- The 1st place poster from each grade level category will be forwarded to the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation District for a chance to win at the state level and then that winning poster from each grade level category will be forward to the National poster contest.

VA State Poster Contest Prizes: State winners receive recognition and a prize from the VASWCD. The 1st place poster in each category will be awarded by VASWCD and the posters will be submitted to NACD's Poster Contest for a chance to compete against student entries from across the United States.

National Poster Contest Prizes: The top three posters in each category of the national contest will receive monetary prizes. First place winners will receive \$200, second place winners will receive \$150 and 3rd place winners will receive \$100. Monetary prizes at the national level are sponsored by the NACD Auxiliary from their quilt project and the Albert I Pierce Foundation.

Resources

[Click Here](#) for a full list of NACD contest rules.

Check out this link for the [2021 Poster Contest Power Point](#).

[Click Here](#) for the NACD Poster Contest Page for more resources, free activities and lesson ideas.

Follow this link to download the [Local Poster Entry Form 2021](#).

Submit posters electronically with completed and signed entry form to lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org by October 6, 2021. For More Information Contact: Lauriston at the email above or call 434-975-0224, ext. 107.



2021 NACD/VASWCD POSTER CONTEST Local Entry Form

Submit this entry to lauriston.damitz@tjswcd.org

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 6, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.
Attach this poster contest entry form with your poster submission.

Please check appropriate category	
K-1st	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd -3 rd	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 th -6 th	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 th -9 th	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 th -12 th	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check the box below if this poster is being submitted to earn the Conservation Poster Scout Patch

STUDENT

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

School Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

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

Parent or guardian name (printed) _____

Signature of parent or guardian allowing NACD/District to utilize the poster for educational or promotional purposes:

_____ Date _____

SCHOOL

Teacher _____

Public School _____ Private School _____ Home School _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Questions?

Contact Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District or Lauriston DaMitz
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Additional information can be found at <http://vaswcd.org/poster-contest>