



Douglas County Conservation District

2018 Theme:



Call for 2018 Poster, Essay, and Limerick Participants

What is the Poster, Essay, and Limerick Contest?

Each year the DCCD sponsors this county-wide contest for K-12th Grade Students. Students are given the opportunity to better understand a conservation theme and display their scientific knowledge as well as use their writing skills and artistic creativity. Below are guidelines to follow for each contest and how submissions can move on to the Kansas Association of Conservation District's state-wide competition.

Poster Contest – Grades K-12

Judging categories are K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. There are awards given to First, Second, and Third place at the county level in each judging category. These awards are given out at the District's Annual Meeting. First place in each judging category advances to the state level competition.

- **12" x 18" poster paper, horizontal orientation**
- **Title** should incorporate this year's theme "Watersheds - Our Water, Our Home" and may be computer-generated
- May use pencil, pen, ink, paint, watercolor, crayon and any other creative medium you come up with!
- **Please do not fold or roll up poster** and make sure to **attach the entry form to your submission.**

Essay Contest – Grades 5-8

First, Second, and Third place awards will be given to county winners at the District's Annual Meeting. First place will advance to the state level contest.

- Essay should be typed on letter size paper, 500 words or less and include why conservation is important. Research should be done on basic soil conservation practices.

Limerick Contest – Grades 3-8

First, Second, and Third place awards will be given to county winners at the District's Annual Meeting. First place will advance to the state level contest

- Limerick should reflect the conservation theme in the title and stanza lines.
- Must be attached or nicely handwritten on a 12" x 18" poster, **horizontal orientation**
- **Please do not fold or roll up poster** and **attach the entry form to your submission.**
- Rhyme pattern AABBA, example:

There once was an earthworm named Fuzins
Who had very few friends, just two cousins
The farmer went No-Till
To lower his fuel bill
Now his cousins he counts by the dozens!

Each contest submission is judged with the following weights:

- Conservation Message: 50%
- Visual Effectiveness or Clarity of Message (for essay contest): 30%
- Originality: 10%
- Universal Appeal: 10%

*If you and your students are interested in participating, please distribute the contest rules and the entry form below and have students return their submissions to you by **September 20, 2018**
Contact Sue.Funk@ks.nacdnet.net to coordinate pick-up of submissions.



Douglas County Conservation District 2018 Poster, Limerick & Essay Contest



Please attach this entry form to the back of your submission.

STUDENT

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Parent or guardian name (printed) _____

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

_____ Date _____

SCHOOL

School Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

_____ The poster is an original completed by the student.

_____ The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If so, please explain on another piece of paper.

Teacher _____

Public School _____ Private School _____ Home School _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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