



Stark Soil and Water Conservation District hosts an annual poster contest in collaboration with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD).



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of Soil and Water
Conservation Districts

All teachers, youth leaders, non-formal educators, scout masters, homeschoolers, etc. are welcome to participate with their K-12 students.

How to enter:

1. We will begin accepting entries February 1st - May 2nd
2. Teachers must pick the **top 2** posters from each classroom or group for submission to represent the class.
3. The two best posters for each class or youth group along with the **filled-out and signed** submission form (only for the submitted posters) must be scanned (**PDF format**) and emailed to embast@starkcountyohio.gov by the deadline of **May 2nd**.

Poster rules:

1. The theme **“Soil. Where It All Begins.”** must be present in full on the poster.
2. Any media including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper scraps or other material and etc. may be used.
3. Posters should be 11"x17"
4. Posters must be created by an individual student—team projects are not permitted. Tracing or copying from photographs or other artists' works is not allowed. Younger students or those who need additional assistance may receive help or guidance from an adult or teacher, but NACD encourages each student to do as much work as possible individually. Entries completed in student handwriting and coloring will likely score better.

Scoring:

1. Submissions will be placed into categories based on age group (K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) with county wide submissions.
2. 1st place of each age group will be submitted to the state competition with potential to advance to the national competition.
3. Scoring criteria:
 - Conservation message (uses the correct theme) -50%
 - Visual effectiveness - 30%
 - Universal appeal- 10%
 - Originality - 10%
4. Winners will be contacted by May 15th



Prizes:

1. Each students submitted poster will receive a student conservation certificate.
2. First place for each age group will be awarded a class donut party before the end of the school year and will be recognized at Stark SWCDs annual dinner/meeting.
3. NACD offers prize money to the top three placements at the national contest.