

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
RULES FOR THE POSTER AWARDS PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY: The Poster Awards Program is open to students in learning levels kindergarten through twelfth. ONE POSTER from each county may be entered in each of the following level categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

No county should have more than five (5) entries.

Entrants may be identified with schools, 4-H clubs, Boy or Girl Scouts, church groups, etc. Entrants may compete in the contest conducted by the conservation district in which they reside, or in the conservation district where they attend school. Entrants may participate in only one district poster contest. Home-schooled children may participate in the contest. They will be judged with the levels listed above.

Children in Special Purpose Schools** may enter the contest also. (Special purpose students need not list age or level). They will be judged separately with no age or grade distinction. Districts may send one entry per district in the Special Purpose School category.

SUBJECT MATTER: The subject matter is the NACD Poster theme. The theme for 2024 is “**May the Forest Be With You Always**” and must be on the poster. This is the only title theme eligible for the 2024 poster contest. No identification is to be on the front of the poster.

ENTRIES: NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR, electronic entries should be sent to pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net . **Only electronic submissions, either photos or scanned copies, of the original creations are accepted as JPEG or TIFF files.** The entries from each district must be entered in the State Poster Awards Program by the Conservation District board of supervisors. For identification, an entry form with information containing the participant's name, age, learning level, home address, telephone and/or email, and the conservation district must also be submitted with each poster. (Special purpose students need not list age or level). (We are asking that each conservation district type the name of each entry for correct spelling and readability). Please use the entry form provided or one like it. No identification is to be on the front of the poster.

Poster file must be submitted using this file name:

County_Gradelevel_Lastname of poster artist

Each poster entry form must be submitted using this file name:

County_Gradelevel_Lastname of poster artist_entry

EXAMPLE:

Peter Cadbury in 6th grade has created a poster which has won first place in the Neosho County Conservation District Conservation Poster Contest. The District Manager will submit the poster to pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net as a .jpg or .tiff file with the file name of Neosho_6_Cadbury. His entry form file will be named Neosho_6_Cadbury_entry, and it will be submitted with the poster file.

EXHIBITING AND AWARDS: Winning Posters will be exhibited at the annual convention of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts and the winners will be announced. Awards will be presented to the top eight winners in each division. Plaques will be given to first place winners. Second place winners will receive a medal and a certificate; third place winners will receive a medal and a certificate. Certificates will be presented to five honorable mention winners. These awards will be distributed at the Education and Youth Committee meeting on Monday at convention.

POSTER RULES:

1. Posters shall be on 8 ½" x 11" paper to 12"x18" paper and arranged for horizontal display only. Poster shall not be mounted on other background materials.
2. Posters may be computer-generated, in pencil, pen and ink, paint, watercolor, crayon, cut paper, etc.
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The judges will select winners according to the score sheet as follows:

Conservation Message.....50%

Visual Effectiveness.....30%

Originality10%

Universal Appeal.....10%

**** Special Purpose Schools are for those who are mentally or physically challenged**

Revised in December 2017, by KACD Conservation Education & Youth Committee, to go into effect for entries in 2018 KACD Contest. Entry submission address updated November 2017

Revised June 2021 to reflect change from paper submission of posters to electronic submission; Rvsd 2024 paper size