

# 2026 Conservation Poster Contest Guidelines

## “Soil. Where it all Begins”

### Details

- Open to grades K-12; public, private or home school students
- Each poster must go through the following contest process: Local/County, Area, State, Nationals.
- The National Poster Contest theme is: **“Soil. Where it all Begins”**

### Contest Rules

- Poster size must be 12" x 18" or 14" x 22".
- The 2026 National Contest Theme, **“Soil. Where it all Begins”** must be written on each poster.
- All posters shall be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students.
- Any media may be used: paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters. (Computer-generated posters will not be accepted)
- To be eligible for judging, each entry must have a completed and signed entry form attached to back.

#### Posters Due to County

- Poster Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Local entries due to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### County Contest

- County: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of County Contest: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location: \_\_\_\_\_
- 1<sup>st</sup> place from each division moves to Area

#### Area Contest

- Area: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Area Contest: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location: \_\_\_\_\_
- 1<sup>st</sup> place from each division moves to State

#### State Contest

- Posters Due: February 6, 2026
- Dates of State Contest: March 4-6, 2026
- WI Land+Water Annual Conference, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

#### National Contest

- Submitted by December 1, 2026
- National Contest entries submitted by WI Land+Water



### Poster Evaluations

Conservation Message 50%  
Visual Effectiveness 30%  
Originality 10%  
Universal Appeal 10%



Contact your County Land/Water Conservation Department for details on how to get started and/or:  
<https://wisconsinlandwater.org/our-work/youth-education/poster-speaking-contest/contest-dates>



# 2026 Conservation Awareness Poster Contest

County Entries Due: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED** Signature of parent or guardian certifies that the information provided is accurate and allows local land conservation departments, WI Land+Water, and NACD to utilize the photos for educational or promotional purposes:

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check appropriate grade level.**

Grades K-1

Grades 2-3

Grades 4-6

Grades 7-9

Grades 10-12

## LOCAL MEDIA

Name of your local newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Email \_\_\_\_\_



## SCHOOL

☐ Public School ☐ Private School ☐ Home School

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State WI Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



## COUNTY LAND/WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT (to be filled out by local rep)

County \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_