



National Association of Conservation Districts

2023 NACD Hand Drawn Poster Contest

The National Conservation Poster Contest is open to K-12th grade students.

Artwork entered in the national competition must first have been judged in a local or area conservation district sponsored poster contest and a state conservation association or state auxiliary sponsored contest.

Posters must be uploaded through the online submission form found on the NACD Education Hub Contests page.

To find who in your state/territory is in charge of the NACD poster contest, visit the [NACD Conservation District Directory](#) and contact your state/territory association of conservation districts.

States conservation association, auxiliary or state poster contest sponsors select a poster to enter in each of the two-grade divisions. (K-1; 2-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12) States are not required to enter a poster for every grade level.

Contest Rules

- Traditional painted or drawn posters should be scanned and uploaded as a PDF.
- **Size:** The poster design size should meet the requirements of the state contest.
- Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials.
- All posters must be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students. Entry must be contestant's original creation and may not be traced from photographs or other artists' published works.
- The 2023 Stewardship theme **“One Water”** must be included on the front side of each poster submission to be eligible for the national poster contest.
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do their own work. Note: Entries with student handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.
- **Only official state poster contest sponsors** can submit entries for the national contest. Entries must be uploaded by December 1, 2023.



Poster Evaluations

National Poster Contest entries are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent) (Poster uses correct theme)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent) and
- Universal appeal (10 percent)

Local and state contest awards and sponsors will differ from state to state. Depending on the sponsoring state's conservation association, auxiliary, or agency's preference, the national awards will be presented at a national, regional, state, and/or local conservation ceremony. The winning posters will be featured at NACD's Annual Meeting. Each state conservation association, auxiliary or agency contact will receive notification of the judging results and a news release announcing the winners.

For more information, please email stewardship@nacdnet.org.