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 <u>completed and signed entry form attached to back.</u>

Posters Due to County

- Poster Due Date: _______
- Phone:
- Address: _

County Contest

- County:
- Date of County Contest:
- Location:
- 1st place from each division moves to Area

Area Contest

- Area:
- Date of Area Contest:
- Location:
- 1st 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



Where it all Begins

Poster Evaluations

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



2026 Conservation Awareness Poster Contest

NACD Stewardship Week 207b	County Entries Due:	
	MiddleLast	Please check appropriate grade level.
		Grades K-1
	StateZipCounty	Grades 2-3
	E-mail	
GradeAge	Parent/guardian name (printed)	
REQUIRED Signature	of parent or guardian certifies that the information provided is accurate and	Grades 7-9
allows local land conser	vation departments, WI Land+Water, and NACD to utilize the photos for	Grades 10-12
educational or promotio X	Date	
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LOCAL MEDIA		M LAND
Name of your local nev	vspaper	
	Number	+WATER
		WISCONSIN
		Public
SCHOOL		Instruction
Public School	Private School Home School	
Teacher Name		
School Name		
Address		
City	State WI Zip	National Association of Conservation Districts
E-mail address	Phone ()	
COUNTY LAND/V	WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT (to be filled out by local	al rep)
	Area	1/
	Title	
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E-mail Address_

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