

Annual Conservation Poster Contest

Sponsored by Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors an annual poster contest for grades K-12. Cash awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place in the following grade categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. All winners will be sent on to the District contest and also featured in the Wayne SWCD Fair Building. Teachers are responsible for pick-up of non-winning posters.

Contest rules:

- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer only special category)
- **Poster size must be between 14" X 22"** (half a poster) ** new – effective in 2018*
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- The Stewardship title must be on your poster. (*Go to NACD website for current theme*)
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored by adult assistance.

Each entry needs to have an **ENTRY FORM**. These can be found on the NACD website or should also be on the Wayne SWCD website. IF not, at least put on the back of each poster:

- Student's name
- Student's age
- School grade
- Student's home address
- Student's phone number with area code
- School's address and phone number with area code
- Teacher's name
- Conservation District (**Wayne SWCD**).

Only one entry per student may be submitted.

Evaluation criteria:

50% Conservation message (Uses Correct Theme)

30% Visual effectiveness

10% Originality

10% Universal Appeal

Judges will also evaluate posters on the following criteria:

Has the theme been clearly addressed?

Does the work demonstrate an understanding of the subject matter?

Is the work neat, organized and grammatically correct?

Posters must be turned in to the Wayne SWCD office, 428 W. Liberty Street, Wooster by **4:00 p.m. on the last Friday in the month of APRIL**. Contact the Wayne SWCD at 330-262-2836 with questions concerning the contest. **Wonderful resources and information are listed on the NACD website.** Please check it out & find the current stewardship theme at:

<http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/>