

Local Conservation Poster, Limerick and Essay Contests

The national theme for the 2020 contest is **"where would we BEE without pollinators"**.

Poster Rules: Poster Contest is open locally to 3rd grade students

Must be 12"x18" HORIZONTAL display with no mount or background display. Posters MUST follow the national theme; *and MUST include the theme as a title on the poster in order to advance to the national poster contest.* Student name, grade, school, and teachers name (please indicate Mr/Ms) must be very legible ON BACK, lower left-hand corner, of each entry. (Avery labels are great!) *Get creative with medium used, crayons, markers, colored pencils, craft paper, chalk, soil paint; the possibilities are endless.*

Limerick Rules: Limerick Contest is open locally to 5th - 8th grade students

Must have name/title. Limericks must be typed/printed, using large font, and the copy paper (11x17 OR 8.5x14) is to be mounted on a 12"x18" piece of poster/construction paper in a HORIZONTAL display. Limericks can use a broad "conservation" themed, not limited to Life in the Soil theme. Student name, grade, school, and teachers name (please indicate Mr/Ms) must be very legible ON BACK, lower left-hand corner, of each entry. (Avery labels are great!)

Essay Rules: Essay Contest is open locally to 5th - 8th grade students

Must be typed, double spaced, using Times New Romans 12 pt font, not to exceed 500 words. Topic must follow national theme. *For youth participating from Junior High Schools that are members of KSHSAA, the essay must be written under teacher or other adult supervision.* Must have PRINTED (legible) student name, school, grade and teacher name ON BACK of the last page.

Rules for ALL Contests:

Limited to ONE entry per student between the three contests.

Keep flat; do not roll or fold.

Printed labels are preferred, but VERY legible handwriting is accepted.

entries must be delivered* by 4:30PM Thursday October 8, 2020

*It will be the responsibility of either the teacher or a school volunteer to deliver entries to the Conservation District at 343 West 23rd Street in south Ottawa; **our office IS CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS so you will leave entries at the walk up service window on the south side of the building next to the grey USDA sign.**