



## National Association of Conservation Districts



Please check appropriate category:

K-1     2-3     4-6     7-9     10-12

### STUDENT (Please Print)

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

\*Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The poster is an original completed by the student named above.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If you answered "yes," please include a brief explanation before you submit this entry form.

### SCHOOL

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose: Public School  Private School  Home Schooled

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Teacher/School E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of parent or guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian allowing NACD/the conservation district listed below to utilize poster submission for educational or promotional purposes:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name: Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District

Contact: Katie Nainiger Title: Conservation Education Coordinator

Address: 14269 Claridon-Troy Rd, Box 410 Phone (440)834-1122

City: Burton State: OH Zip: 44021

Email: knainiger@geaugaswcd.com

**\*Home address and phone number of student is required for all poster entries to be eligible. This information will *not* be made public it is for District use only to be able to contact winning students when school is not in session.**



# 2017

# Poster

# Contest

For further information contact:  
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**Geauga Soil and Water  
Conservation District**

## Rules

- **Who Can Participate?** The 2017 Poster Contest is open to all students in grades K-12. Students in public, private or home school.
- 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 14" x 22".
- 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 2017 Stewardship theme “**Healthy Soils are Full of Life**” must be included on each poster submission to be eligible for the national poster contest.
- A signed and legible entry form must be secured to the back of poster to be eligible for judging.
- 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.



### Geauga SWCD Rules:

Posters are due to Geauga SWCD, 14269 Claridon-Troy Road, Burton, Ohio 44021 by May 26, 2017. If you would like them picked up, contact Katie Nainiger at Geauga SWCD by **May 19, 2017**.

### Poster Evaluations

The posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent)
- Universal appeal (10 percent)



### Prizes

- Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District Prize: Prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- State winners will be eligible for NACD National Poster Contest and prizes.

## Why Participate?

**Project Based Learning** through poster design and researching the theme, can give your students a voice in your community on important conservation issues. Good posters tell important stories to present and future generations. Posters capture people’s attention with a powerful graphic and inspire with a message for your community.

**Visit the websites below when researching information related to your project. Check your local library for more resources on the importance of soils and healthy nutrition.**

### National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

nacdnet.org

### The challenge of feeding our world

nutrientsforlife.org

### The story of the soil

soils.org

### State ag facts

agclassroom.org

### Do you have a clue where your food comes from?

extension.illinois.edu

### What is soil?

nrcs.usda.gov

### Healthy soils for a healthy life

fao.org

### All about soil

soils4kids.org

### Gardening for nutrition

faitc.org

### Soil conservation

eschooltoday.com

### Life under your feet

lifeunderyourfeet.org

### Soil and Health

soil-net.com