

Orange Soil & Water Conservation District announces.... The 2024 “The Living Soil” Poster Conservation Contest

Who can participate in the POSTER Contest? All 3rd – 5th Grade Orange County students!

Our theme for 2024 is, "The Living Soil". Students are encouraged to learn more about soil and then use their creativity to tell others with a hand-drawn poster or typed essay! This is your opportunity to get creative and explore what our theme means to you.

The Orange Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors a conservation poster and essay contest each year. These contests have been in existence for over 50 years.

The Contests have been an important tool for the district to encourage young people to think about conservation. It's also a way for us to become involved with our local schools and our youth, and to introduce them to their local Conservation District.

For complete contest details, visit our [Conservation Contest page](https://www.orangecountync.gov/764/Environmental-Education) at <https://www.orangecountync.gov/764/Environmental-Education>

Residents can find more details regarding contests, including scoring rubrics, registration forms, hints, and tips, as well as NC DPI Goals & Objectives, by visiting the [North Carolina Division of Soil & Water Conservation](#) or by emailing lpope@orangecountync.gov.

All entries in the same grade category are combined with no distinction between schools. A first, second, and third-place finalist is selected in each of the grade categories. Some schools choose to have a competition at the school level first, sending their winners to the District. Winners from each grade category win a certificate and a monetary prize! First-place posters and essays will compete against eleven Soil & Water Conservation Districts in the Piedmont region. The top winners from the regional competition will then compete at the State level.

Poster Contest - Who is eligible?

Any public, private, charter or home-schooled Orange County student in grades 3rd - 5th may participate in the poster contest.

Deadlines: Entries for the poster contest are due to the District office no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, February 16, 2024. The Orange Soil & Water District office is located in the Bonnie Davis Agriculture Center in the Northern Orange Campus, 1020 US-70 West, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

Participants who need poster board, please contact Orange Soil & Water Conservation District staff. We keep a small supply on hand for those who need one.

Prizes: Not only will this contest provide a great way for students to explore an issue on their own, but there are monetary prizes for the winning students! 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners from each grade level entry will receive a certificate and prize. The 1st place winner from each grade level in the county contest will be eligible for the Area 3 contest.