

NNSWCD/VASWCD 2020 Poster Contest Rules

The contest is open to all students enrolled in K-12. Students who reside in the Northern Neck who want to enter must submit their entries to the ***Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District Office located at 5559 Richmond Road, Suite B, Warsaw, VA 22572. Deadline for entries is October 1, 2020.***

Students who are members of a scouting program are eligible for a conservation patch from the VASWCD (See entry form).

Entries will be judged at the local level with winners in each grade division (K-1; 2-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12) sent to the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts for the state level competition. VASWCD will forward a winner from each division to the NACD national competition.

- Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials. Posters may be 8.5 x 11 and larger.
- All posters must be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students. Entry must be contestant's original creation and may not be traced from photographs or other artists' published works.
- A completed entry form must be attached to the back of the poster.
- The 2020 Stewardship theme "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?" must be included on the front side of each poster submission to be eligible for the national poster contest.
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do their own work. Note: Entries with student handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.
- Only the VASWCD can submit entries for the national contest.

Poster Evaluations

Contest entries are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent) (Poster uses correct theme)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent) and
- Universal appeal (10 percent)