YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

Poster contest promotes

"May the Forest Be With You Always"
for young lowa conservation artists



The JONES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

is a local sponsor of this contest. Posters submitted by students attending school in Jones County will be judged by the JONES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Monetary awards will be awarded locally!

The CDI (Conservation Districts of Iowa) Poster contest is a colorful way for Iowa youth who wish to turn their artistic talents toward promoting conservation and sustainability practices in their home state. For 2024, the contest theme is "May the Forest Be With You Always". Youth leaders, teachers, and parents who wish to encourage future participation by their young artists are encouraged to contact local youth organizations and schools, with <u>entries due to</u> the Jones County Soil & Water Conservation District office in Anamosa by Friday, April 26th.

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) provides students from kindergarten through 12th grade the chance to have their art displayed as part of a national conservation outreach initiative. The Stewardship and Education Committee developed a five-year rotation for stewardship topics – water, soil, habitat, forestry, and a topic of interest – and determines the theme each year. Winning posters reflect NACD's annual Stewardship theme and highlight the work of conservation districts and their state conservation associations, auxiliaries, and agencies to protect and enhance natural resources. The contest starts at the district (county) level; winners advance to the state level, and then to the national level, where they receive recognition at NACD's annual meeting.

The poster contest is open to public, private and home-schooled students. In addition to monetary awards to Jones County poster winners, the top three posters in each category of the national contest receive larger monetary prizes. First, second, and third place winners *in the national contest* receive monetary prizes up to \$200. *Read the rules carefully to qualify.*

Want to learn more? Log on to the Conservation Districts of Iowa webpage: www.cdiowa.org/get-involved/poster-contest

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