

HEY MARYLAND,

FIFTH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ARBOR DAY POSTERS FOR 2026!



THEME: "TREES ARE TERRIFIC...AND COLOR OUR WORLD!"

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE: **APRIL 1, 2026**

Contest Information...

This year's theme celebrates the many ways trees make our world a better, more colorful place by providing clean air, shelter for wildlife, and inspiration for people everywhere. Show us how trees add color, joy, and meaning to your life and your environment through your art!

Students are encouraged to show their appreciation for Maryland's forests and trees through original works of art. Poster size must be no smaller than 8.5 by 11 inches and no larger than 22 by 28 inches. They must be drawn in acrylic, crayon, ink, marker, paint pens, regular or colored pencil, tempera paint, or watercolor.

Posters will be first judged by Forestry Board members at the county level and then submitted to the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee to compete at the statewide level. A select panel will then choose the top three winning posters that will receive tree plantings at the artists' schools. Teachers will be notified by late April to early May with the school plantings will be scheduled in the spring.

All entries must be delivered to their respective local Maryland Forest Service office by noon, April 1st, 2026 or planned pick up with a forest service staff member.

The winner's schools will receive trees and all participating classrooms will be rewarded with a Smokey Bear prize pack. This is a FREE contest.

Prizes

1st Place

15 Trees

Smokey Bear Prize Pack

2nd Place

10 Trees

Smokey Bear Prize Pack

3rd Place

5 Trees

Smokey Bear Prize Pack



Last year's 1st place winner, Kaliyah Thorpe of Capitol Heights Elementary School in Prince George's County.

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