

5th GRADE POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. Release Form should be attached to back of poster.
2. The contest is for fifth grade students, from public or private schools. All entries must be original artwork. A student may enter the contest only once.
3. Entries may be done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, regular/colored pencil, and/or tempera paint.
4. Computer or photo generated art and/or printing is not acceptable.
5. Entries should not display the names of commercial products, companies, or organizations.
6. Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
7. The contest theme must be on the poster and spelled correctly.
8. Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, or framed.
9. Each county will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. The 1st place winner will go on to compete and the statewide level. There will be three Statewide winners who will receive a tree planting at the school with:

1st – 15 trees

2nd – 10 trees

3rd – 5 trees

Entries are due to your county's MD Forest Service office by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 to be eligible for judging.

POSTER ENTRY DEADLINE: 12:00 p.m. on April 1st, 2026

Due to your county's Maryland Forest Service
Office or Baltimore City Forestry Division:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/contacts.aspx>

Teachers of winners will receive notification by late April 2026.

Science & Art teacher collaboration encouraged

Maryland Forest Service staff invite your feedback on the 2026 Poster Contest activities. Feel free to mail or (e)mail your constructive comments to:

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