

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
RULES FOR THE LIMERICK AWARDS PROGRAM**

ELIGIBILITY: The Limerick Awards Program is open to all students in levels three (3) through eight (8); home schooled children in levels three (3) through eight (8); and children in Special Purpose Schools** (no age or grade distinction). These youth may be identified with schools, 4-H clubs, Boy or Girl Scouts, church groups, etc. Each district is allowed to submit two (2) entries in the State Limerick Awards Program (levels 3-8) and two (2) for Special Purpose Schools. Entrants may compete in the contest conducted by the conservation district in which they reside, or in the conservation district where they attend school. Entrants may participate in only one district contest.

SUBJECT MATTER: The subject matter shall be related to the use and/or conservation of natural resources (examples: soil, water, plants, trees, minerals, wildlife, beautification, recreation, etc. with special emphasis on the conservation of soil and water) for making a better community for present and future generations.

ENTRIES: Should be sent to Roberta Spencer, Program Coordinator of the Conservation Education & Youth Committee of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (Jackson County Conservation District, 307 Montana, Holton, KS 66436) **NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR.** The entries from each district must be entered in the State Limerick Awards Program by the Conservation District board of supervisors. For identification, an entry form with information containing the participant's name, age, learning level, home address, and the conservation district must be pasted **to the back of the limerick in the lower left-hand corner.** (Special purpose students need not list age or grade). ***No identification is to be on the front of the limerick. (We are asking that each conservation district type the names of each entry for correct spelling and readability).*** Please use the entry form provided or one like it.

EXHIBITING AND AWARDS: Limericks shall be exhibited at the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts and the winners will be announced. First Place winner will receive a plaque and certificate, second place a medal and certificate, and third place a medal and certificate. Certificates will be presented to five honorable mention winners along with medals. All awards can be picked up at the Education and Youth Committee meeting on Monday of the convention. It is the responsibility of each conservation district to pick up their limerick entries after the final general session.

LIMERICK RULES:

1. The limerick must have a name or title
2. Limericks shall be placed on a 12"x18" poster paper and arranged for horizontal display only.
3. In the limerick, the basic unit (called a foot) contains three syllables, with heavy accent or beat on the third syllable: ta-ta-TUM. Three such units (or feet) are in the first, second and fifth lines; two in the third and fourth lines. The heavy beat or accent must always fall on a syllable, which can properly be accented.
4. **WRAP LIMERICKS BETWEEN CARDBOARD AND DO NOT ROLL OR FOLD FOR MAILING.**

Loud and Clear
Conservation, Spread it loud and clear
Please spread it to each and every ear
Terracing, strip farming,
Windbreaks, contour farming
Finally, the right answer is here!

The judges will select winners according to the score sheet as follows:

Conservation Message.....	50%
Visual Effectiveness.....	30%
Originality	10%
Universal Appeal.....	10%

Revised in November 2016, by KACD Conservation Education & Youth Committee, to go into effect for entries in 2017 KACD Contest. Entry submission address updated January 2015.

**Special Purpose Schools are for those who are mentally or physically challenged.