

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

ELIGIBILITY: The Poster Awards Program is open to students in learning levels kindergarten through twelfth. ONE POSTER from each county may be entered in each of the following level categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. No county should have more than five (5) entries. Entrants may be identified with schools, 4-H clubs, Boy or Girl Scouts, church groups, etc. 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. **Home-schooled children may participate in the contest.** They will be judged with the levels listed above. **Children in Special Purpose Schools** may enter the contest also.** They will be judged separately with no age or grade distinction. Districts may send one entry per district in the Special Purpose School category.

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. The theme will be announced each year, it is not mandatory that the theme be followed unless you would like to be eligible to participate in the National Contest.

ENTRIES: Should be sent to the Secretary of the Conservation Education & Youth Committee of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (Miami County Conservation District, 100 N Angela #3, Paola KS 66071) 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 Poster 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 poster in the lower left-hand corner.** (Special purpose students need not list age or level). **No identification is to be on the front of the poster.** (We are asking that each conservation district type the name of each entry for correct spelling and readability). Please use the entry form provided or one like it.

EXHIBITING AND AWARDS: Winning Posters will be exhibited at the annual convention of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts at which time the winners will be announced. Awards will be presented to the top eight winners in each division. Plaques will be given to first place winners. Second place winners will receive a medal and a certificate; third place winners will receive a medal and a certificate. Certificates will be presented to five honorable mention winners. It is the responsibility of each conservation district to pick up their poster entries after the final general session. The awards will be distributed at the Youth and Education Committee meeting on Monday at convention.

POSTER RULES:

1. Posters shall be on suitable paper, 12"x18", and arranged for horizontal display only. Poster shall not be mounted on other background materials.
2. Posters may be computer generated, in pencil, pen and ink, paint, watercolor, crayon, cut paper, etc.
3. Wrap posters between cardboard and DO NOT ROLL OR FOLD for mailing.

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 August 2008, by KACD Conservation Education & Youth Committee, to go into effect for entries in 2008 KACD Contest.