

Coastal Plains Soil & Water Conservation

District # 317 1402 Band Rd. Suite 200 Rosenberg, Tx.

77471.... is pleased to announce a contest with competition and award incentives to help us promote **“Conservation of Our Natural Resources”** while also recognizing and honoring those students who dedicate themselves and their talents to the very purpose of helping to expand and encourage our conservation efforts and the wise use of our natural resources.

POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

The Coastal Plains Soil & Water Conservation District #317 is sponsoring the poster and essay contest for students of Fort Bend County as part of the Texas Conservation Awards Program. We would appreciate students’ participation and we hope you will tell your friends about the contest. **All rules must be followed as stated below:**

POSTER CONTEST

Poster entries shall be on standard poster board cut to half size-22”x14”. Artwork should be drawn by hand with materials that do not smear, crack, or chip. The poster artwork should be flat. Posters should address the **Theme/Title** for 2021 which is **“Healthy Forests=Healthy Communities”** and must include this as the title. BE CREATIVE! Two winning posters will be submitted to the Area III Judging Committee for competition on the Area level. Plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners on the Area level and State winners will then be selected from the Area winners. **The Poster Contest is open only to students who are 12 years old and under and who are considered eligible under Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility requirements.**

1st Place Poster Winner=\$25.00 (given by Local SWCD)

2ndPlace Poster Winner=\$15.00 (given by local SWCD)

CHECKLIST: (POSTER CONTEST)

- Entry must meet these specifications:
 - Must include the title *“Healthy Forests=Healthy Communities”* & fit this theme
 - Be on standard poster board, cut to ½ size-22”x14”
 - The ENTIRE poster must be hand drawn and not smear, crack, or chip
 - The poster artwork should be flat
 - The use of stickers or gluing of materials /objects is not allowed
- Entry must include on the back the attached **“Poster Contest Entry Form”** which includes the following information:
 - Participant’s Name
 - Participant’s Parent or Guardian Name
 - Participant’s Mailing Address and Parent/Guardian Phone # or email
 - Participant’s School Name & Phone # or teacher email address

ESSAY CONTEST Two Age Divisions-Junior:13 and under (max 300 words) and Senior: 14 to 18 years old (max 500 words).The essay is to be submitted to the local soil and water conservation district for judging at the above address. Each local district will then submit two essays in each age division to the Area Judging Committee for competition on the State level. Plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners on the Area level and State winners will be selected from the area winners. This contest is open to students 18 years and under and who are considered eligible under Texas University Interscholastic League eligibility requirements. Essay **Topic/Title** for 2021 which must be addressed in the essay is ***“Healthy Forests=Healthy Communities”*** and must be included in the essay.

1st Place Essay Winner (Junior/Senior Division)= \$100.00 (given by local SWCD)

2nd Place Essay Winner (Junior/Senior Division)= \$50.00 (given by local SWCD)

CHECKLIST: (ESSAY CONTEST)

- Entry is typed, subject matter of the essay follows the topic and meets the maximum allotment of words (*as stated above*) and includes the title *“Healthy Forests=Healthy Communities.”*
- Entry must include the attached **“Essay Contest Entry Form”** which includes the following information:
 - Participant’s Name
 - Participant’s Parent or Guardian Name
 - Participant’s Mailing Address and Parent/Guardian Phone # or email address
 - Participant’s School Name & Phone # or teacher email address

Prizes and Recognition: Cash prizes/Gift cards will be awarded by the Soil and Water Conservation District and the winners' photos will be published in the local papers and on our district web site. The winning entries will then be submitted in the Area Judging. If your entry is chosen as a winning entry in the Area Judging, you will be invited to attend the Area Awards Banquet (Location to be determined), usually held in May, with complimentary tickets to the banquet being provided by the Soil and Water Conservation District. The entry would then be submitted for State Judging and if the entry is a State winner, you will be invited to attend the State Meeting (Location to be determined), held in October, with complimentary tickets being provided by the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Deadlines: Poster and Essay entries are due in our office (Coastal Plains SWCD) for local judging by our District Board of Directors' no later than ***Friday, January 15, 2021 by 4:00p.m.*** Please drop off at our office at 1402 Band Rd. Suite 200 Rosenberg, Tx 77471 (in the Fort Bend County Extension bldg.). If you have any questions, please contact Linda in the office @ 281-232-6898 x7914 or email: coastalplains@swcd.texas.gov.

Entry Forms are included with the pages of these rules and must be completed and submitted with the contest entries.

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Poster Contest Entry Form

Participant Name

Participant Mailing Address

Parent/Guardian Name

Phone #

Parent/Guardian Email Address

Participant School Name & Teacher Name

Teacher Phone # / Email Address

Note: Deadline for Entry to be submitted to Coastal Plains SWCD:

January 15, 2021 by 4:00p.m.

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Essay Contest Entry Form

Age Division: *Junior or Senior*

Participant Name

Participant Mailing Address

Parent/Guardian Name

Phone #

Parent/Guardian Email Address

Participant's School Name & Teacher Name

Teacher Phone # / Email Address

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