

Poster Contest Rules for 2018
Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District
Open to all 3rd – 12th grade students in Hinds County
(Includes public, private, charter or home school & special education students)

DUE DATE:

- Friday, April 6, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. All entries must be received in our office and may be submitted before the deadline.**
- The address is 322 New Market Dr., Jackson, MS 39209
Phone number is (601) 718-2885**
- School pickup is not available.**
- NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF THE POSTER!**



THEME: The theme for the Contest this year is “**Watersheds, Our Water, Our Home**”. A watershed is land that sheds water. Every piece of land on the planet is part of a watershed. Even the desert known as Death Valley is part of a watershed. You’re sitting in a watershed right now!

- The theme must be on the front of the poster to be eligible for the state and national contest.**

FORMAT AND STYLE: The maximum size of the poster should be no larger than **22” X 28” (standard poster board)** and the minimum size should be no smaller than **“14 X 22” (half of a standard poster)**. Any media may be used to create a flat or two- dimensional effect using paint, water colors, crayons, colored pencils, paper & magazine cut outs, or other materials. Please refrain from three dimensional effects on your poster as the district will not be held responsible for lost objects glued, taped or otherwise adhered on posters.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM: To be eligible each entry must include the official entry form completely filled in and legible. One entry per person and no group entries.

SCORING: Posters will be scored on originality, neatness, and the degree to which the poster expresses the idea, importance and practicality of the subject as it relates the theme. The scoring rubric is as follows: Conservation message - 50%, Visual effectiveness - 30%, Originality - 10%, and Universal appeal - 10%.

JUDGING: Posters are judged by a panel selected by the Soil and Water Conservation District. All first place County winners will advance to the central area competition. Any first place winning entries in the Central Area competition will advance to the state then national competitions.

AWARDS: County winners for first, second or third place will receive a certificate, a ribbon and a cash award. **The cash awards are First place-- \$40.00, Second place--\$30.00 and Third place--\$20.00.**

PRIVACY: Unless otherwise specified, any and all information collected in connection with this Contest will be used by the SWCD solely for the purpose of administering the Contest.

NO COMPENSATION: You agree and understand you will not receive compensation of any kind for the submission and/or subsequent use of Artwork/Stories, outside of any prize which might be awarded.

ORIGINAL ARTWORK: You certify the submitted entry is original artwork of the student.

ARTWORK WILL NOT BE RETURNED: You acknowledge your entry will not be returned regardless of whether or not your artwork is chosen to win one of the prizes as part of the Contest.

Special Education entries are welcomed. This category includes all special education classes. **Special education posters will need to indicate on the back of the poster the level of the student i.e. – SLD, TMR, EMR, Hearing or sight impaired, etc. Consideration will be given to their various skill levels.