

**Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster and Essay Contest Rules**  
“Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities”

**Local Poster and Essay Contest Details**

- Categories
  - K-2<sup>nd</sup> (poster only)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
  - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- Entries must be submitted by the deadline **May 6, 2021** by mail or email to [sara.fehring@hamilton-co.org](mailto:sara.fehring@hamilton-co.org).
- Each entry must have: student name, grade, school name, teacher and teacher’s e-mail and phone number.
- Must be student’s own work. Entries completed without adult assistance will be scored better.
- Winning students and supporting teachers at each age level will receive a \$25 Gift Card from Target.

**Essay Details**

- The theme “Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities” must be present in your essay submission.
- Essay must be between 300-500 words.
- Essays are only judged at the local level.

**Poster Details**

- The theme “Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities” must be on your poster submission.
- Poster size between 8.5”x11” and 22”x28”
- Any media may be used to create a poster. Poster must be flat or 2D.
  - Paint
  - Crayons
  - Colored Pencils
  - Charcoal
  - Paper
- Helpful tips
  - Use a combination of illustrations and words
  - Make sure the poster is balanced
  - Be as neat as you can
- Things you should NOT do
  - Cover poster with lamination or other clear covering
  - Use fluorescent poster board as the background
  - Create a poster that is all words
  - Create a poster that is all pictures
- No photographic images
- Posters evaluated for Conservation Message (50%), Visual effectiveness (30%), Originality (10%) and Universal Appeal (10%).

**State and National Contest Details**

- Winning entries will be selected by your local conservation district and sent on to the state contest.
- State winning entries will then be sent to the national level, where one overall winner will be selected.
- Monetary prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category at the national level.