

**KACD  
CONSERVATION  
EDUCATION AND YOUTH  
COMMITTEE**

# **Conservation Contests offered by KACD**

Essay

Limerick

Photo

Poster

Speech

# Where to find contest information:

Kansas Association of  
Conservation Districts Website

<https://www.kacd.net/>

<https://www.kacd.net/education.cfm>

A good resource for conservation education material is the  
National Association of Conservation Districts website's  
Conservation Education Hub:

<https://www.nacdnet.org/conservation-education-hub/>

# 2024 Poster Contest Theme



# Conservation Posters

*Refer to contest rules and resources on the KACD Website  
<https://www.kacd.net/>*

- Statewide Contest
- Grades K through 12 are eligible and Special Purpose Categories K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, Special Purpose
- Theme announced by NACD and posted on KACD website.
- Districts judge their own Posters and may submit electronically their First Place Winners for each category to the state contest

# POSTER RULES

The theme for 2024 is “MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU ALWAYS” and must be on the poster.

This is the only title theme eligible for the 2024 poster contest.

\*No identification is to be on the front of the poster

\*Horizontal orientation only

\*May be computer generated and may be in pencil, pen and ink, paint, watercolor, crayon, cut paper, etc.

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<https://www.kacd.net/>



# POSTERS – State Contest

- Judging is done by a specified District on a rotating basis.
- The specified District will judge the Posters and award First, Second, Third and 5 Honorable Mention Prizes for each category.
- State poster contest First Place Winners in each category are eligible for National Contest

NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR, electronic entries should be sent to the email below.

**Only electronic submissions are accepted as either photos or scanned copies of the original posters.**

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, telephone and/or email, and the conservation district must be entered with each poster.

Poster file must be submitted using this file name:

County\_Gradelevel\_Lastname of poster artist

Each poster entry form must be submitted using this file name:

County\_Gradelevel\_Lastname of poster artist\_entry

**EXAMPLE:**

*Peter Cadbury in 6<sup>th</sup> grade has created a poster which has won first place in the Neosho County Conservation District Conservation Poster Contest. The District Manager will submit the poster to [pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net](mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net) as a .jpg or .tiff file with the file name of Neosho\_6\_Cadbury. His entry form file will be named Neosho\_6\_Cadbury\_entry, and it will be submitted with the poster file.*



# Poster Judging

- State Winners are to be selected according to the following relative weights:

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

**2024 Poster Judging:**

**Stafford County Conservation District**

# LIMERICKS

- Statewide Contest
- Grades 5 through 8 and special schools are eligible
- Subject matter must be related to the use and/or conservation of natural resources.
- Districts judge their own Limericks and may submit electronically their First **and** Second Place Winners to the state contest

# What Is A Limerick?

- ❖ The basic unit(foot) contains three syllables with a heavy accent on the third syllable: (ta ta TUM)
- ❖ Three such units (nine syllables) are in the 1st, 2nd and 5th lines, and these lines rhyme
- ❖ Two such units (six syllables) are in the 3rd and 4th lines, and these line rhyme
- ❖ Limericks are often humorous and nonsensical

# Limerick Example

**There was a young lady of station**

**"I love Man" was her exclamation**

**When men cried, "You flatter"**

**She replied, "No matter!"**

**Isle of Man --the true explanation.**

Adapted from a limerick by Lewis Carroll

# Limerick Rules

Limerick must have a title

Horizontal Display Only



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**Only electronic submissions, either photos or scanned copies, of the original creations are accepted as JPEG or TIFF files.**

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, telephone and/or email, and the conservation district must be submitted. (Special purpose students need not list age or level). No identification is to be on the front of the limerick. (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.

Limerick file must be submitted using this file name:

County\_Gradelevel\_Lastname of limerick author

Each limerick entry form must be submitted using this file name:

County\_Gradelevel\_Lastname of limerick author\_entry

EXAMPLE:

*Peter Cadbury in 6<sup>th</sup> grade has created a limerick which has won first place in the Neosho County Conservation District Conservation Limerick Contest. The District Manager will submit the limerick to [pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net](mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net) as a .jpg or .tiff file with the file name of Neosho\_6\_Cadbury. His entry form file will be named Neosho\_6\_Cadbury\_entry, and it will be submitted with the limerick file.*

# LIMERICKS- State Contest

- Judging is done by a specified District on a rotating basis
- The specified District will judge the Limericks and award First, Second, Third and 5 Honorable Mention Prizes for each category

# Limerick Judging

- State Winners are to be selected according to the following relative weights:
  - Conservation Message 50%
  - Visual Effectiveness 30%
  - Originality 10%
  - Universal Appeal 10%

**2024 Limerick Judging:**

**Geary County Conservation District**



# ESSAY

- Statewide Contest.
- Two Essays from each county are eligible.
- Grades 5 through 8 and Special Schools are eligible.
- No specific topic is required (other than conservation), but each District is encouraged to select a topic for their contest.



*Refer to contest rules and resources on the KACD Website <https://kacdnet.org/>*

# Essay Rules

Letter Size Paper (8 ½” x 11”)

500 Words or less, Double spaced

District Employees may type a copy exactly as an entry is written for students without access to a computer

For students participating from Junior High Schools that are members of the KSHSAA, the essay must be written under supervision of a teacher or other adult.

NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR,  
electronic entries should be sent to the email indicated below.

## **Only electronic submissions are accepted as .pdf files.**

The entries from each district must be entered in the State Essay 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, telephone and/or email, and the conservation district must also be submitted. (Special purpose students need not list age or level). No identification is to be on the front of the essay. (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.

### **Essay file must be submitted using this file name:**

County\_Gradelevel\_Lastname of essay author

Each essay entry form must be submitted using this file name:

County\_Gradelevel\_Lastname of essay author\_entry

### *EXAMPLE:*

*Peter Cadbury in 6<sup>th</sup> grade has authored an essay which has won first place in the Neosho County Conservation District Conservation Essay Contest. The District Manager will submit the essay to [pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net](mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net) as a .pdf with the file name of Neosho\_6\_Cadbury. His entry form file will be named Neosho\_6\_Cadbury\_entry, and it will be submitted with the essay .pdf.*

# Essay Judging

- State Winners are to be selected according to the following relative weights:
  - Conservation Message 50%
  - Clarity of Message 30%
  - Originality 10%
  - Universal Appeal 10%

**2024 Essay Judges**  
**Neosho County Conservation District**

# PHOTOGRAPHY RULES



*Refer to contest rules and resources on the KACD Website <https://kacdnet.org/>*

- Statewide Contest
- Youth aged 18 or younger as of December 1<sup>st</sup> can compete. Entrants may compete in the contest conducted by the conservation district in which they reside, or in the conservation district where they physically attend school.
- Theme: Conservation Practices
- Photo must be taken 10/01 - 9/30 of the current year
- Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye remove, filters and corrective functions are permitted
- Districts may submit electronically one photo to the state contest

**NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR, photo file and the KACD photo contest entry/release file should be sent to the email indicated below.**

**Only an electronic submission, either a picture or a scanned copy, of the original photo is acceptable as a JPEG or TIFF file.**

The photo file name must follow this format.

County\_Lastname of photographer

The photo contest entry/release form file name:

County\_Lastname of photographer\_entry form

**EXAMPLE:**

*Peter Cadbury in 6<sup>th</sup> grade has taken which has won first place in the Neosho County Conservation District Conservation Photo Contest. The District Manager will submit the photo to [pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net](mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net) as a .jpg or .tiff file with the file name of Neosho\_Cadbury. His entry form/photo release file will be named Neosho\_Cadbury\_entry form, and it will be submitted with the photo file.*

In submitting photo, the photographer gives KACD Education and Youth Committee permission to use their photo in any publications, social media, websites, displays and other places without payment or other consideration.

**The photo release is part of the entry form and must be completed and submitted.**

# Photo Judging

Photos will be judged on technical merit, composition and eye appeal.

For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed, sharp and clear.

For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.

**2024 Photo Judges**  
**Wilson County Conservation District**

# 2024 Speech Contest Theme



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# SPEECH

- District Contests
  - Local prizes
- Area Contests
  - Area Prizes from KACD Board
  - First Place Winner goes to State Contest
- State Contest
  - Prizes for First, Second, and Honorable Mention

# Speech Contest Levels

- District, Area and State Speech Contests will all be subject to the same procedural rules so that all participants are competing within a uniform process.
- District and Area Contests may develop their own methods for locations, judges, prizes and awards, etc.
- Area winners must be provided to the Conservation Education and Youth Committee **no later** than Friday of the first full week of November (earlier preferred)
- District Winners must compete in their Area Contest, and Area Winners must compete in the State Contest.

# Speech Contest Rules

- All High School students in grade levels 9-12 who reside in the State of Kansas are eligible to participate in the Speech Contests.
- Speeches must be at least five minutes long, but not longer than eight minutes and penalties will be assessed for any violations.
- Contestants will present their speeches as determined by drawing numbers for the order, and contestants will remain outside the room until their turn to speak.

# Speech Contest Rules

- Contestants may utilize 3' x 5' note cards, however if the use of the cards detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation, a penalty may be assessed.
- Speeches will be judged on Content, Organization of Material, Voice, Stage Presence, Power of Expression, and General Effect.

# Speech Contest Rules, Continued

- A supporting document that is directly related to the topic of the speech must be provided to the panel of judges.
- A brief bibliography must accompany the supporting document, and direct quotes from any source must be identified in the bibliography.
- All previous First Place State Contest winners are ineligible.

*Refer to contest rules and resources on the KACD Website  
<https://www.kacd.net/>*



# **State Speech Contest Scholarship Awards:**

**\$1,000 for First Place**

**\$500 for Second Place**

**\$250 for Honorable Mention**

- ✓ Payment will be made upon proof of enrollment at an accredited school or training institution of the winner's choice.
- ✓ Scholarships must be claimed within four years of graduation from high school.
- ✓ The KACD Auxiliary may provide additional monies for expenses.

# Scholarships

## The Caroline & Don Peterson Memorial Scholarship

- Funded by Peterson Family
- Up to \$1000 for the fall semester for a full-time **college** Junior or Senior student majoring in Agronomy/Range Management
- Selection Criteria includes Academic Performance, Leadership, Conservation Promotion, Work Experience and the Quality of the Application

# Scholarships

## General

- Funded by the Conservation Education and Youth Committee
- Up to \$1000 for the fall semester for a full-time college junior or senior student majoring in Agriculture or a Natural Resource related course
- Selection Criteria includes Academic Performance, Leadership, Conservation Promotion, Work Experience and the Quality of the Application



# Scholarships

## Memorial Scholarship

To date, this fund has \$200. This was established by a district who wanted to make a donation in memory of a supervisor. Because we are limited where funds can be donated, this was an option. If other district are interested in making similar donations, this fund can eventually be increased, and we can add this to our scholarship offerings.

# Dates to Remember

- Scholarship Applications due March 15<sup>th</sup>

Send to: KACD Education and Youth Committee  
1405 S. Spencer  
Newton, KS 67114

- Poster Entries accepted electronically only as .jpg or .tiff 9/1- 10/19
- Photo Entries accepted electronically only as .jpg or .tiff 9/1- 10/19
- Limerick Entries accepted electronically only as .jpg or .tiff 9/1- 10/19
- Essay Entries accepted electronically only as .pdf 9/1- 10/19

Submit entries and forms to [pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net](mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net)

- Area Speech Winners accepted no later than the Friday of the first full week in November

# Resources

- **NACD Conservation Education Hub**  
<https://www.nacdnet.org/conservation-education-hub/>  
Annual Contest Topics, Teacher Resources,  
Stewardship materials
- **Kansas Association of Conservation Districts website**  
<https://www.kacd.net/>  
State Contest Rules, Application Forms, Teacher  
Resources, Committee Information, Scholarship  
Information
  - **Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom**  
<https://www.ksagclassroom.org/>  
Ag Lesson Plans, Teacher Resources, Awards  
and Contests.
- **KACEE** <https://www.kacee.org/>  
Educator Workshops, Green Schools Program, Water Festivals

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