



September 8th, 2020

Dear Missouri Educator,

The Missouri Community Forestry Council (MCFC), Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Forest ReLeaf of Missouri are pleased to continue the great tradition of the annual...

5th Grade Missouri Arbor Day Poster Contest.

The information below gives details on how to enter and the numerous prizes you and your student could win. Please share this information with your **5th grade art and science teachers**, as well as any other teachers who may be interested in participating.

Please let me know if you have any questions or I can assist in any way. Do not respond to this email; instead send your request directly to me at Kristi.Werdenhause@mdc.mo.gov or in the **Springfield City Limits, send them to Troy Powell at tlpowell@springfieldmo.gov** .

Thank you,

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2020-21 Arbor Day Poster Contest

Brought to you by the Missouri Community Forestry Council, Missouri Department of Conservation and Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

“Trees Work for Clean Water”

is the theme of this year’s Missouri Arbor Day Poster Contest for 5th grade students.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? All students currently in the fifth grade.

TO EDUCATE

Go to the Missouri Community Forestry Council website at www.mocommunitytrees.org, and download the Trees Work for Clean Water curriculum. It is available as a pdf document and PowerPoint slide show including curriculum and visual aids you can use in your classroom. In the Springfield City Limits, the local MCFC group will come present the information in class for you (contact Troy Powell at tlpowell@springfieldmo.gov).

TO ENTER

Encourage your fifth grade students to design their poster to reflect the theme and educational curriculum “Trees Work for Clean Water”. Let them use their imagination and tell us why they love trees so much!

Be sure posters follow the contest rules and judging criteria as outlined below.

CHOOSING THE SCHOOL WINNERS: Each school must pick one poster to represent their school. (If participating in the Springfield Region, the local MCFC group will select the winners)

DEADLINE: You can choose the time that best fits your classroom schedule to have the students do the exercises and draw posters.

You may submit your school’s winning poster to me at any time, but it must be postmarked no later than December 4th, 2020.

Please send your poster to:

Kristi Werdenhause, Poster Contest Coordinator
Missouri Department of Conservation
P.O. Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102

The posters will be judged by Missouri Community Forestry Council members in January 2021. The statewide winner for technical merit will be notified immediately. First through third place will be recognized.

The top twelve posters for technical merit will be scanned and posted on the Missouri Community Forestry Council Facebook Page for a popular vote/people’s choice award. Popular votes will be tallied during February 2021 and the winner will be announced on Facebook!



PRIZES FOR EVERYONE!

All teachers who send in their school's winning poster will receive:

- Arbor Day pencils to present to each student who drew a poster.
- Educational resource materials for their classroom.
- First 500 participants will receive a 'trees work' promotional item.

PRIZES FOR WINNING TEACHER

The teacher of the state technical merit winner will receive:

- \$200 Visa Gift Card for classroom materials from MCFC
- A book selected by the Missouri Department of Conservation

2nd Place winning teacher will receive a \$100 gift card for classroom materials.

3rd Place winning teacher will receive a \$50 gift card for classroom materials.

PRIZES FOR WINNING STUDENTS (TECHNICAL MERIT)

The student who wins the state contest will receive:

- A \$100 gift card courtesy of Forest ReLeaf of Missouri.
- A commemorative tree will be planted on the school grounds or public property in the winner's community provided by Forest ReLeaf of Missouri.
- A framed certificate honoring their achievement will be presented at the tree planting ceremony.
- A framed 'trees work' poster and t-shirt or other 'trees work' awards.
- Recognition in MDC's publications and social media.

2nd Place Technical Merit will receive a \$75 gift card.

3rd Place Technical Merit will receive a \$50 gift card.

PRIZES FOR THE WINNING STUDENT (POPULAR VOTE)

The student who wins the popular vote will receive:

- 'trees work' promotional items
- \$50 gift card

??FURTHER QUESTIONS??

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact the Poster Contest Coordinator for Missouri at (573) 522-4115; ext. 3115 or Kristi.Werdenhause@mdc.mo.gov . Please visit MCFC's website at www.mocommunitytrees.org for more information and supporting curriculum materials.



Contest Rules

- ▶ All entries must be the original artwork created by a student currently in the 5th grade. A student may enter the contest only once. No trademarked characters or designs are allowed.
- ▶ The student's first and last name must be **written** or **signed** in the lower right-hand corner on the front of the poster.
- ▶ Entries must be no smaller than 8½" X 11" and no larger than 14" X 18".
- ▶ Artwork may be done in marker, crayon, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, or tempera paint. Computer or photo generated art and/or printing is not acceptable. Collages are acceptable. Posters must be two dimensional.
- ▶ Entries must be done on paper and in a manner that will allow for duplication, display, and framing.
- ▶ The poster must relate to the contest theme in some way. The theme **"Trees Work for Clean Water"** must be on the poster. All words must be spelled correctly. **Make the theme stand out!**
- ▶ Avoid use of business names or logos.
- ▶ Teacher must complete the School Winner Report Form and attach it to the back of the poster. Do not send more than one poster.
- ▶ Entries must be mailed flat, and should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
- ▶ **Mail your school's winning poster by December 8th, 2020 to:**
Kristi Werdenhause, Poster Contest Coordinator, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Note: Late entries will be disqualified

Poster Judging Criteria for Technical Merit

Posters will be judged upon criteria below and in this order:

1. Make the theme **"Trees Work for Clean Water"** stand out and easy to read from a distance.
2. Make sure the spelling is correct - misspelled words are not acceptable and the poster will be disqualified.
3. The message delivered in the picture must reflect the theme and educational exercises.
4. Keep the poster bold and colorful in design. Color drawings stand out better than pencil drawings.
5. The student must sign their poster in the lower right corner.

Participation in the contest grants MCFC, MDC and Forest ReLeaf the right to reproduce the posters for promotional purposes and awards.



Missouri Arbor Day Poster Contest

School Winner Report Form

Please complete this form and attach it to the back of the winning poster. Mail both items to:

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Missouri Department of Conservation
P.O. Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Winner's Name _____

Winner's Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Winner's Parent or Guardian Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Email Address _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

School Phone (_____) _____

How many posters were entered in your school's contest? _____

How many teachers in your school participated this year? _____

