



September 5th, 2023

Dear Missouri Educator,

The Missouri Community Forestry Council (MCFC) and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) 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 class, 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: [tlpowell@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:tlpowell@springfieldmo.gov).

Thank you,



# 2023-2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest

Brought to you by the Missouri Community Forestry Council & Missouri Department of Conservation.

**“Trees Work for Our Backyard Friends”** is the theme of this year’s Missouri Arbor Day Poster Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mocommunitytrees.org), and download the **“Trees Work for Our Backyard Friends”** curriculum. It is available as a pdf document including curriculum and visual aids you can use in your classroom.

## TO ENTER

Encourage your fifth-grade students to design their poster to reflect the theme and educational curriculum **“Trees Work for Our Backyard Friends”**.

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

**CHOOSING THE SCHOOL WINNERS:** Each school must pick one poster **based on technical merit** to represent their school.

**DEADLINE:** Your school’s original winning poster must be received by the City of Springfield’s office at 1010 W Chestnut St no later than **the second Thursday of November**.

Please send your poster to:

Troy Powell

1010 W Chestnut St.

Springfield Mo, 65802

The posters will be judged by Missouri Community Forestry Council members on **the third Tuesday of November**. 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 vote poster will be determined by the number of likes that poster receives by 6pm the second Friday of December. The popular vote poster will be tallied based on the poster with the highest number of likes and the winner will be announced on Facebook!

**PRIZES FOR EVERYONE!**



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

- Pencils to present to each student who drew a poster.

#### **PRIZES FOR WINNING TEACHER**

The teacher of the state technical merit winner will receive:

- \$200 Visa Gift Card for classroom materials.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the Missouri Community Forestry Council.
- A commemorative tree will be planted on the school grounds or public property in the winner's community.
- A framed certificate honoring their achievement will be presented at the tree planting ceremony.
- Various 'Trees Work' materials.
- Possible recognition in MDC's publications and social media.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Technical Merit will receive a \$75 gift card courtesy of the Missouri Community Forestry Council.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Technical Merit will receive a \$50 gift card courtesy of the Missouri Community Forestry Council.

#### **PRIZES FOR THE WINNING STUDENT (POPULAR VOTE)**

The student who wins the popular vote will receive:

- 'Trees work' promotional items.
- \$50 gift card courtesy of the Missouri Community Forestry Council.

#### **??FURTHER QUESTIONS??**

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact the Poster Contest Coordinator for Missouri at (417) 874-2154; or [Tlpowell@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:Tlpowell@springfieldmo.gov) Please visit MCFC's website at [www.mocommunitytrees.org](http://www.mocommunitytrees.org) for more information and supporting curriculum materials.

## **Contest Rules and Judging Criteria for Technical Merit**



- ▶ All entries must be the original artwork created by a student currently in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12" 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 Our Backyard Friends"** 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 Student 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.
- ▶ **Your schools winning poster must be received by the second Thursday in November.**
- ▶ **Mail your schools winning poster to Troy Powell, 1010 W. Chestnut St, Springfield, MO. 65802**

Note: Late entries will be disqualified

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

## Missouri Arbor Day Poster Contest



# School Report Form

*Please complete this form and attach it to the back of your schools winning poster.*

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teachers Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Schools Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Schools Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many posters were entered in your school's contest?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many teachers in your school participated this year?** \_\_\_\_\_

