

# Piedmont SWCD 2026 Digital Poster Contest



## Eligibility

The Digital Conservation Poster Contest is open to **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** grade students in **Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties**.

There are two levels of competition: District and Grand

➤ **District Competition**- The digital posters are judged in two categories:

Grades 7-9 & 10-12. District 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will move on to the grand competition. All digital participants will receive a certificate. Winners will be featured on the Piedmont SWCD Facebook page.

➤ **Grand Competition** – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place District Competition winners will be judged. One poster will be chosen as the grand winner. The grand winner will receive a \$30.00 gift card, will be featured in the District's annual report and the winning poster may be submitted to the State Digital Poster Contest in October.

## Poster Requirements

Objective: Design a poster to highlight the importance of Soil.

- Entry deadline is **Tuesday, April 14, 2026..** *Notify the Piedmont SWCD (katkinson@piedmontswcd.org) of your intent to enter posters.*

Poster design should contain:

- The words “**Soil. Where It All Begins**” on the front side.
- A completed **entry form** must be sent with each poster.  
(See attached Entry Form to make copies – two forms on each page, to cut in half)
- An artist list that includes the **teacher's name, school name, grade level and name** of every student entering the contest must be included for each class. (List of students provided by school can be attached to form).  
(See attached Artist List Template)
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team.

Poster size:

- Posters can be horizontal or vertical, measuring 8.5 x 11”.

Media:

- The posters must be a digital design and can be created in any platform used for digital projects such as Canva, PicMonkey, Google Slides, Photoshop, InDesign, etc. Digital posters must be original art and shall not include any copyrighted, trademarked or branded marks, images or phrases besides the NACD 2026 themed logo, if desired.

#### Submission Format:

- Digital design must be submitted as a **300 dpi JPEG or PNG** by **April 14, 2026**.
- Email digital posters to [katkinson@piedmontswcd.org](mailto:katkinson@piedmontswcd.org)  
subject line: digital poster (students' name/ school)  
for example: digital poster KellyAtkinson / PSWCD  
\*\*don't forget to attach the entry form\*\*

#### *State Competition:*

- The first-place winner from each category (7-9; 10-12) may be sent to the State digital poster contest in October.

#### **Poster Evaluations**

Poster Contest entries will be reviewed by a local digital design professional. The posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent)
- Universal appeal (10 percent)

For more information, please email [katkinson@piedmontswcd.org](mailto:katkinson@piedmontswcd.org)

