The Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Stewardship Poster Contest provides school students with an opportunity to share their thoughts about natural resource issues.

**Eligibility**
The Soil and Water Stewardship Poster Contest is open to all K-12 public, private, or home school students that live in Kane or DuPage Counties.

**Prizes**
A gift card of $25 will be awarded to the grand-prize winner and a $15 gift card will be awarded to the first runner-up in the K-1, 2-3 and 4-6 grade divisions. A $50 gift card will be awarded to the grand-prize winner and a $25 gift card will be awarded to the first runner-up in 7-9 and 10-12 grade divisions.

Grand prize winners will be notified in late May. Grand prize posters from each grade division will compete in the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District’s Auxiliary Poster Contest with the possibility of advancing to the National Conservation Poster Contest.

**Contest Rules**
- Any media (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, paper) may be used to create a flat or three-dimensional effect. However, posters should be able to be shipped flat.
- Any poster size between $8^{1/2}\times11”$ and $22”\times28”$ will be accepted.
- Posters must be original works by individual students. Artwork may not be copied or duplicated published art, including copyright free images.
- Posters should reflect the theme. The 2019 Stewardship title “Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper” must be on the poster.
- All posters must have a completed and signed entry form attached to the back of the poster.
- Posters must be mailed or delivered to the Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District office, 2315 Dean St. Suite 100, St. Charles, IL 60175 no later than Friday, April 27.

**Theme**
Soil is a dirty topic, but everyone needs to learn more about it! Soil is the foundation for much of what we use in our daily life, such as food, clothing, clean water, homes, and more. Healthy soil equals healthy food, which equals a healthy you. Don’t treat your soil like dirt! This year’s theme, *Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper* highlights the important relationship we have with soil.

**Judging**
Posters entered in the Soil and Water Stewardship Poster Contest will be evaluated on the following criteria:
- Conservation message
- Visual effectiveness
- Originality
- Universal appeal

**Questions?**
Call the SWCD office at (630)584-7960 Ext. 3 with any questions regarding the contest.

For information on the theme and what makes a good poster visit [www.kanedupageswcd.org](http://www.kanedupageswcd.org).