

# 2025 KANE-DUPAGE SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP POSTER CONTEST

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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

K-1, 2-3 and 4-6 grade divisions: \$25 gift card will be awarded to the grand-prize winner and \$10 gift card will be awarded to the first runner-up.

7-9 and 10-12 grade divisions: \$50 gift card will be awarded to the grand-prize winner and \$25 gift card will be awarded to the first runner-up.

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.
- Only posters between 8½ inch x 11 inch and 22 inch x 28 inch will be accepted.
- Posters must be original works by individual students. Artwork may not be copied or duplicate published art including copyright free images.
- Posters should reflect the theme. The 2025 Stewardship title "**Home Is Where The Habitat Is**" 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 19.

*Note: If 3 or fewer entries are received, no prizes will be awarded. Entries will still be submitted to the state contest.*

## Questions?

Call the KDSWCD office at (630)584-7960 Ext. 3

For entry form visit  
[www.kanedupageswcd.org](http://www.kanedupageswcd.org)

## Theme

Habitat provides the essentials that plants and animals need to survive, like food, water, shelter and space.

Native habitats play a vital role in sustaining biodiversity, storing carbon, and protecting soil and water resources. When animals, plants, and aquatic life have healthy habitats, it benefits us all by ensuring ecosystem stability, enhancing natural beauty, supporting clean air and water, and creating a resilient and sustainable environment.

Research on your own to learn more so your poster is accurate and insightful!

## Judging

Posters entered in the Soil and Water Stewardship poster contest will be evaluated on the following criteria:

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

## Posters will not be returned by KDSWCD!

They may be picked up at the District office after May 31.

