

*Benton Soil and Water Conservation District*  
**2024 POSTER/MURAL CONTEST**  
**May The Forest Be With You Always**

1. *Who May Enter* Any fifth or sixth grader in the current school year, living or going to school within Benton County, may enter by submitting one entry. Students have the option of either developing individual posters or doing a group mural.
2. *Category Size* **Poster:** 11" x 17" minimum - 22" x 30" maximum  
**Mural:** 24" x 36" minimum - 36" x 48" maximum

*Horizontal or vertical format accepted.*
3. *Material/Delivery* Construction paper or drawing paper that doesn't smear should be used. Paper may be taped together or rolled for shipping. Do not fold!
4. *Theme* Poster/mural should be related to a class assigned activity or individual experience suggested from the activities included in the folder. The project *must express* the theme "*May The Forest Be With You Always.*" **Poster/mural must have the words "May The Forest Be With You Always" not less than ½" in size somewhere on the face of the poster.** These letters may be stenciled.
5. *Artwork* Posters/Murals must be original artwork.  
Do not use copyrighted cartoon characters/clip art.
6. *Back of Poster/Mural* List the following identification information on back of the poster/mural:
  - Student's name
  - Parent's name telephone number, address
  - Teacher, school, grade level and city
  - Benton Soil and Water Conservation District

**\*\* This very important! Every year entries are disqualified because the above information is not attached, or the identification falls off the poster/mural entry.\*\***
7. *Timeline* Poster/Mural entries must be delivered to the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District office by **4:30 pm Wednesday March 8, 2024.**
8. *Judging* **50% impact of conservation message** - written and artistic message  
**30% originality**  
**20% artistic arrangements**  
Any poster not complying with the rules will be disqualified.
9. *Awards* **Benton Soil and Water Conservation District awards:**  
  
**Poster:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$75.00;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50.00; 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$25.00  
  
**Mural:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$75.00;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50.00

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9. *Awards (continued)*

In addition to the winning students receiving their prize, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in the Poster & Mural Contest for Benton County will also win \$100.00 to be rewarded to their teacher as a classroom reward!

**Area award (Usually takes place in June):** The 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place poster winners and 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place mural winners will advance to the Area 2 judges, and if they are selected at the Area level the prizes are described below for the area award:

**Poster:** 1st Place - \$25.00; 2nd Place - \$20.00; 3rd Place - \$15.00

**Mural:** 1st Place - \$25.00; 2nd Place - \$20.00; 3rd Place - \$15.00

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All posters and murals become the property of the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District and may be used at their discretion.