



Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District



Press Release- 2022 Conservation Poster Contest

For over fifty years, a national network of conservation districts has helped Americans learn to conserve natural resources. This year, join the Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District and America's conservation districts as we participate in the Annual Conservation Poster Contest. The Conservation Poster Contest will take place the 3rd week in November with the theme **"Healthy Soil: Healthy Life"**.

The contest will have five categories: **K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12**. Local judging will occur on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, so it is important that entries are received no later than 3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022. The Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District will award the following prizes in each category: 1st Place- \$50.00, 2nd Place - \$25.00, and 3rd Place \$10.00. Each categories 1st place local district winner will be entered in the state competition. In the state competition 1st winners will be awarded with \$75.00 and 2nd place winners will receive \$50.00. The 1st place winners in the state contest will be sent to the national poster competition, where they will compete in the national level. **National 1st place winners will receive \$200, 2nd place winners will receive \$150, and third place winners will receive \$100.** National winners will be announced during NACD's Annual Meeting in February 2023.

The annual poster contests provide kindergarten through twelfth grade students with an opportunity to share their thoughts about soil, water and related natural resource issues. This year's theme, **"Healthy Soil: Healthy Life"**, focuses on the importance of our soil. Healthy soils are the foundation for all life on Earth. Soil is an important resource for everything from human health to agriculture to water filtration. The imperative benefit of healthy soil is food production. Healthy soils also give us clean air and water, plentiful crops and forests, diverse wildlife and beautiful landscapes. It is important that each of us recognize where our food comes and the farmers and ranchers who are dedicated to using responsible land-management practices to ensure a sustainable food supply and healthy land and soil for future generations.

The Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District wants to help people in our community to learn how important it is to help conserve all our natural resources and how easy it can be. For information about the conservation poster contest and other conservation issues please contact Danielle Vail at the Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District office located at 5417 Gerstner Memorial Drive, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70607. You may also call 337-474-1583 Ext. 3. Our office hours are Monday- Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. You may also reach us at anytime via email at Danielle.vail@la.nacdnet.net

