

# 2025 Poster Contest Rules

## ELIGIBILITY

- The Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest is open to Okeechobee County students (public, private or home educated) grades kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025, at 4:00PM

## CONTEST RULES

- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters).
- Poster size must be between 8.5"x11" and 22"x28".
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when submitted to OSWCD.
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- The theme/words: "Home Is Where the Habitat Is" must be included in the artwork.
- **EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE A SIGNED ENTRY FORM AFFIXED TO THE BACK OF THE POSTER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR JUDGING.**
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, OSWCD encourages each student to do as much work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored with adult assistance.

## POSTER EVALUATIONS

- Accuracy of conservation message (50 percent)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent)
- Universal appeal (10 percent)
- Also taken into consideration, artwork on poster is that of participant (unless noted on entry form)

## PRIZE LEVELS

- Grade Categories: K-1st; 2nd-3rd; 4th-6th; 7th-9th; 10th-12th
- Cash prizes of 1st = \$50; 2nd = \$35; 3rd = \$20 in each Grade category
- Winners at the local level will advance to the Area IV contest, with a chance of advancing to the State contest. Local winner names will be announced on our Facebook page and in the Lake Okeechobee News.