



# 2008 POSTER CONTEST

## Trees - Rooted in Our Future

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Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

1. *Who May Enter* Any fifth or sixth grader in the 2007-2008 school year, living or going to school in Minnesota, 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* Posters should be related to a class assigned activity or individual experience suggested from the activities included in the folder. The poster *must express* the theme "Trees - Rooted in Our Future." Posters must have the words "Trees - Rooted in Our Future" not less than 1/2" in size somewhere on the face of the poster. These letters may be stenciled.
5. *Artwork* Posters must be original artwork. Do not use copyrighted cartoon characters/clip art.
6. *Back of Poster* List the following identification information on back of the poster/mural:
  - Student's name
  - Parent's name and telephone number
  - Teacher, school, grade level and city
  - Soil and Water Conservation District
7. *Timeline* Poster entries must be delivered to your local *Soil and Water Conservation District office* by \_\_\_\_\_.  
The local district may submit no more than 3 hand drawn posters and 2 murals to the Area contest by June 1, 2008.  
The Area may submit no more than 3 hand drawn posters and 2 murals to the state contest. The MASWCD Education Committee representative from that Area should bring the Area entries with them to the summer committee meeting where they will be judged.
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.  
SWCDs that have submitted winning entries to the state contest will be notified after the summer committee meeting and will be asked to inform the winner(s) of the award.
9. *Awards* **Local Soil and Water Conservation District awards:** discretion of the local SWCD.  
**Area awards:** discretion of the Area.  
**State awards:** First (\$100) and second place (\$75) awards will be chosen for murals. First (\$100), second (\$75) and third place (\$50) will be chosen for hand drawn posters. In addition, the first place hand drawn poster award winner will receive a conservation camp scholarship.
10. All posters become the property of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and may be used at their discretion.