

21-22 CONSERVATION CONTESTS FOR STUDENTS: ESSAY CONTEST

CONTEST THEME:

SOIL & WATER:
YOURS FOR LIFE

Show off your creativity by participating in the 2021-2022 New Hanover Soil & Water Conservation District Conservation Creativity Contests.

Soil and water are two of the four most fundamental and basic natural resources—soil, water, air and sunlight—that sustain all life on Earth. Everyone can protect soil and water through stewardship practices. However, they can both be polluted or harmed in a matter of minutes by careless human actions. We are looking for creative interpretations of just what it means when we say “Soil & Water: Yours for Life.” Students are encouraged to learn more about their local soil and water and then use their creativity to tell others through an essay.

Essay Contest Information:

- Eligible Grades: 6th Grade
- Open to all public, private, and homeschool students in New Hanover County
- Open to student clubs (i.e. 4-H, FFA) in New Hanover County
- Entries must be submitted via email to Amy Renfranz, Program Coordinator at the New Hanover County Soil & Water Conservation District, at arenfranz@nhcgov.com. Educators may submit multiple student entries.

Important Dates:

- Contest Entry Deadline: February 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- Contest Winner Award Recognition Ceremony: TBD

Prizes:

- There will be a 1st and 2nd place award in each grade category.
- **1st Place Winners:** Will receive a \$25 gift card, an Awards Certificate, and an invitation to the Award Recognition Ceremony
- **2nd Place Winners:** Will receive an Awards Certificate and an invitation to the Award Recognition Ceremony

1st Place winners will move on to the regional competition and the possibility of bigger prizes!



ESSAY CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

All entries should reflect the year's theme (**Soil and Water: Yours for Life**) and be a representation of what the student feels best exemplifies this topic. Students are encouraged to be original in their essay. The judges will be looking for the entries that are educational and creative.

Each Essay Contest Entry Must Meet the Following Criteria:

- Participants must be in 6th Grade (age 11-12)
- Participants should not put their name or school on the front of the page.
- Participants should not put any identifying information (name, school, etc.) in the essay.
- **The maximum number of words is 500.**
- Entries should be sent as a **Microsoft Word or PDF document** on 8.5 x 11 inch paper using size 12 Times New Roman font. Lines should be double spaced.
- Essays should include a title.
- **The page immediately following the last page of the essay should contain the participant's identifying information (details below).**
- Essays must be the original work of the individual student. Teamwork is not allowed.
- **Essay entries shall be submitted electronically to arenfranz@nhcgov.com by the February 11th deadline for consideration.**

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION (TO BE INCLUDED ON LAST PAGE)

Contest: Essay

County: New Hanover **District:** New Hanover Soil & Water

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** 6th

School Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Teacher or Educator's Name: _____

Teacher or Educator's Email: _____