



## 2026 POSTER CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS:

The 2026 Stewardship Poster Contest, "SOIL. WHERE IT ALL BEGINS." welcomes all students from grades K-12 in public, private, and home-school settings!

### Hand Drawn Poster Contest Rules:

- All entries must be submitted with a [Contest Entry Form](#) placed on the back of each poster and signed by parent or guardian.
- **Size:** 11" x 17" is a great size for posters! However, we will accept posters in any size over 8.5"x11".
- **Media:** Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials.
- **Originality:** All posters must be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students. Entry must be contestant's original creation and may not be traced or copied from photographs or other artists' works.
- **The 2026 Stewardship theme "Soil. Where it all Begins." must be included on the front side of each poster** submission to be eligible for the state and national poster contest.
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, students are encouraged to do their own work.

### Poster Judging Criteria:

Poster Contest entries are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent) (Poster uses correct theme)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent) and
- Universal appeal (10 percent)

### Turn in Poster Contest Entries by **May 15!**

Bring or mail Posters to Wasco Soil and Water Conservation District at **2325 River Rd. Suite 3, The Dalles 97058** (next door to N. Wasco PUD), or you can arrange to have us pick them up at your school.