

Poster, Limerick, & Essay Contest

Home is Where the Habitat is



Essays may be submitted by students in grades 5 through 8

- Essays should be between 300 and 500 words
- Consider the title carefully; write the essay on the subject matter.
- Entries should be double-spaced, typed on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
- Subject matter should be related to the theme: **Home is Where the Habitat Is.**

Limericks may be submitted by students in grades 3 through 8

- The limerick must have a name or title.
- Limericks shall be placed on a 12" x 18" poster or drawing paper and be arranged for **horizontal** display only.
- In the limerick, the basic unit (called a foot) contains three syllables, with heavy accent or beat on the third syllable; ta-ta-TUM. Three such units (or feet) are in the first, second, and fifth lines; two in the third and fourth lines. The heavy accent or beat must always fall on a syllable which can properly be accented.
- Subject matter should be related to the theme: **Home is Where the Habitat Is**

*Posters may be submitted in
five age groups:*

K-1st Grade
2nd-3rd Grade
4th-6th Grade
7th-9th Grade
10th-12th Grade

Posters must include
the title!

**Home is where
the habitat is**

Posters must measure 12" x 18" and be arranged for **horizontal** display. Any media may be used to create a **FLAT** poster, including:

- Paint
- Crayons
- Colored pencil
- Charcoal
- Stickers
- Paper
- Or other materials
- Don't have your parent or others draw your poster for you to color in.
- Don't use staples, tacks, or tape.
- Don't use fluorescent-colored posters.
- Don't create a poster that is all words or all illustrations.

Attach an entry form to the back of each submission
(Entry forms available on our website:
dkcoconservation.com)

**Every entry must be the contestant's original work and
may not be copied or use photographs.**

**All entries must be received at the USDA
Service Center in Abilene by January 10, 2025**