

Poster, Limerick, & Essay Contest

Soil. Where it all Begins.



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: **Soil. Where it all Begins**

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: **Soil: Where it all Begins**

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!

Soil: Where it all Begins

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 16, 2026