

EARTH DAY

Contest Rules and Guidelines • 2025 Poster Contest

Contest Rules and Guidelines:

- All students in grades 4-12 are invited to participate.
- There is no fee.
- One entry per student.
- All entries must be original student works.
- Required poster size is 11 inches wide by 8.5 inches tall.
- All entries must have a complete and legible entry form attached to the back of the poster (please tape the form to the back – no staples).
- Student's name should NOT appear on the front of the poster.
- Students may enter electronic art by emailing their local [district office](#).
- Posters can be created using poster paints, watercolor, color pencil, pastels, oil, crayon, pencil, charcoal, markers and original digital art. (Please note: Pastels, pencil and charcoal should be sprayed with a fixative to prevent smearing.)

Winner Selection Criteria:

1. **Artistic Merit** (design, use of color and layout).
2. **Poster Message** should relate to DEP's theme: "Protect & Preserve Florida's Living Waters."
3. **Originality** (unique, creative design).
4. **Neatness** (free of spelling and grammatical errors and/or stray marks).

District contest winners will receive an Aquatic Preserves reusable water bottle. **State winners** will also receive a print of their poster.

Submissions are due March 28, 2025. Three winners will be selected in each district. A state winner from each age group will be announced April 22, 2025. Contest winners will be contacted by April 30, 2025 to distribute prize packages.

Mail or drop off submissions to one of [DEP's six district offices](#) located throughout the state.



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Official Entry Form • 2025 Poster Contest

Please print neatly!

Tape this form to the back of each entry.

Entry Form

Please note:

Your students' entries are a public record under Florida law. Upon submission, they will become the property of DEP and may be used for promotional purposes, shared on the department's social media accounts and/or included in announcements and press releases.

Student's First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Title of Poster: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

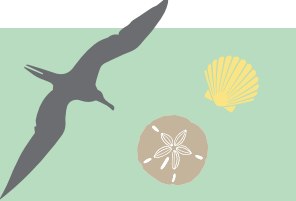


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Poster Contest Scoring Rubric • 2025 Poster Contest

	Fair = 2 points	Good = 3 points	Excellent = 4 points
Relevance/ Message	<p>Fair (2) The poster delivers a message but could be better organized to be clearer.</p>	<p>Good (3) The poster succeeds at delivering a clear and concise message.</p>	<p>Excellent (4) The poster shows exceptional skill in delivering a clear and concise message.</p>
Creativity	<p>Fair (2) The poster is readable but is not original in its imagery.</p>	<p>Good (3) The poster displays some degree of originality in how it shows the message visually.</p>	<p>Excellent (4) The poster displays exceptional originality in visually organizing the message.</p>
Clarity and Skill	<p>Fair (2) The poster is attractive though it is smeared or blurry, making it harder to read.</p>	<p>Good (3) The poster shows skill with design, layout and neatness with attention to detail.</p>	<p>Excellent (4) The poster shows exceptional skill with design, layout and neatness with much attention to detail.</p>



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