

Dear School Administrators and Educators,

The Outagamie County Land Conservation Department invites your students to participate in our annual **Conservation Awareness Poster Contest**. The contest is open to all grades K-12 and offers an opportunity for students to become more aware of the conservation of our natural resources through artistic design.

Please share this information with your **teachers & classrooms** (art, science, elementary, etc) and/or individual **students & families** that might be interested in this opportunity to use their creative talent to promote conservation awareness in our community. Also attached are the contest rules and a registration form that **must be completed, signed by a parent or guardian**, and attached to the backside of each poster. Note to teachers: if submitting posters on behalf of your class, it would be helpful to include a typed class list (in addition to signed entry forms). This helps ensure names are spelled correctly for certificates.



All posters must be 12"x 18" or 14"x 22" and include this year's theme, "Soil. Where it all Begins." The entries will be judged at the Outagamie County Conservation Poster Contest on Monday, January 12, 2026, at the Outagamie County Land Conservation Department by our local professionals from the Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, UW-Extension, and Land Conservation Department. The contest allows for only one entry per student.

The deadline for entry is Wednesday, January 7, 2026 by the end of the day. Entries can be delivered or mailed to our office: 3365 W. Brewster Street, Appleton, WI 54914. Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent to our office. If the office is closed, there is a deck box located by our door where the posters can go. If you need assistance getting the posters to our office, please contact us, and we can arrange for pickup.

All entries will receive a participation certificate and the top three winners in each division will receive awards. The first place poster in each division will be entered in the Area Contest to compete with neighboring counties at the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association Planning meeting on January 16, 2026. Winners at the area level will then advance to the state and potentially national level.

We look forward to your entries! Please feel free to email or call our office with any questions.

Thank you,

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