



2019-2020 Essay Contest Entry Form

Attach to back of the essay!

Everything on this form must be filled out legibly. Only essays with legible entry forms will be judged.

Please Circle appropriate category

K-1 2-3 4-5 6-8 9-12

WHY ARE POLLINATORS IMPORTANT?

Worldwide, approximately 1,000 plants grown for food, beverages, fibers, spices, and medicines need to be pollinated by animals in order to produce the goods on which we depend.

In the United States, pollination by honeybees and other insects produces \$40 billion worth of products annually!

Source: Pollinator Partnership
www.pollinator.org



2019 - 2020

Conservation Essay
Contest

Theme is...



Essays are due by

Thursday May 14, 2020 by 2:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact: Aimee Brown

Pickens Soil & Water

Conservation District

Address: 144 McDaniel Avenue

Pickens, SC 29671

Phone: 864-878-6155

Website: pickenssoilandwater.com

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Student Information

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone () _____ Grade _____ Age _____

_____ The essay is an original completed by the student.

_____ The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If so, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

Parent or guardian name (printed)

_____ **Signature of parent or guardian** allowing
NACD/SCAD/PSWCD to utilize the essay for educational
and/or promotional purposes:

_____ Date _____

Teacher/School Information

Teacher (Circle One) Mr. Ms. Mrs.

School _____

Phone () _____

Public School ___ Private School ___ Home School ___

Email Address: _____

Conservation District Information

Name: Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District

Contact: Aimee Brown Title: District Manager

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City: Pickens State: SC Zip: 29671

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Drop Off Location

Bring the essay and entry form to our office. Please call the office at 864-878-6155 to make sure someone is in the office before you stop by to drop off essay. Or you may drop off the essay and entry form at the Clemson Extension Office. Please call 864-878-1394 to make sure someone is available.

Who May Participate in the Essay Contest?

The essay contest is open to all students in grades K-12 who are attending public, private or home school in Pickens County. Any student who wants to enter the contest may do so individually or through a participating school.

Why Participate?

Writing an essay and researching the theme gives you a voice in your community on important conservation issues. Good essays tell important stories to present and future generations. Essays capture people's attention with a powerful graphic, and inspire with a message to your community.

Classroom Presentations

Contact Aimee Brown or Janine Sutter by phone, or email to set up classroom presentations to help the students prepare for the contest.

****Please give at least two weeks notice to prepare for your program.**

Janine Sutter (jsutter@clemson.edu)
864-878-1394.

Aimee Brown (pickensswcd@gmail.com)
864-878-6155

The Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District (PSWCD) ESSAY RULES

A disregard for the rules will result in the essay being rejected for judging.

2020 Essay Contest Theme

"Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?"

Eligibility: All Grade Levels

Elementary Schools:

Essay of 50-100 words

Use one of the following topics for your essay:

- * What is your favorite pollinator and why?
- * Why are pollinators important?

Middle and High Schools:

Essay of 100-200 words

Be Creative- Choose your own topic but it must be related to natural resources.

Use one of the following topics for your essay:

- * Pickens County's Natural Resources
- * Why are pollinators important?

Other guidelines for all entries:

- * Essays may be hand written (legible) or typed.
- * All entries must have a completed entry form attached to the back of the essay. Do not put the student's name on the essay.
- * All entries must be written by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- * The student must attend school or live in Pickens County, South Carolina.
- * The student can only enter once for this contest.

The essay will be judged on:

Understanding Topic
Creativity/ Originality
Grammar/ Language

Awards:

There are five categories for judging/ winners:

Kindergarten to 1st Grades

2nd to 3rd Grades

4th to 5th Grades

6th to 8th Grades

9th to 12th Grades

1st Place \$35 gift card

2nd Place \$30 gift card

3rd Place \$25 gift card

Teacher with the most essays will receive a \$25 gift card

This contest is sponsored by the Pickens Soil and Water Conservation District. Please contact: email - pickensswcd@gmail.com or phone 864-878-6155 if you have any questions about this contest.

Due Date:

Deadline to turn in entries is by

2:00 p.m. on Thursday May 14, 2020.

You may mail or email (in pdf format) to:

Email: pickensswcd@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

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