

# BOLLINGER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

## OFFICIAL SCORE CARD

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| 1. Conservation Message. . . . .  | .50            |
| The poster <b><i>must</i></b> incorporate the theme of the annual Soil and Water Stewardship Week to be eligible for judging at the state and national level. <b>The 2026 theme is "Soil. Where It All Begins."</b> |                |
| 2. Visual Effectiveness . . . . .   | .30            |
| Does poster tell a complete story?  |                |
| Is idea easily understood?  |                |
| Is it motivating and stimulating?   |                |
| Is poster neat and clean?   |                |
| Does the first glance get attention?  |                |
| Are words easy to read?   |                |
| Is picture detail complete?   |                |
| Does it fill out the whole story?   |                |
| Is the thought or meaning clear, sharp, and definite?   |                |
| Is coloring and lettering striking, noticeable, yet pleasing to the eye?  |                |
| Do colors blend and balance?  |                |
| Are pictures representative of the subject? Are they simple in construction, distinct, and clear in appearance? Is work carefully done?   |                |
| 3. Originality. . . . .   | .10            |
| 4. Universal Appeal. . . . .  | .10            |

## **RULES**

1. All posters must be on standard poster board sizes (14" x 22"). Posters are to be **DRAWN BY HAND** (NO STENCILS) using any common color media (crayons, pencil, charcoal, oil or water paints, etc.). **(NO STICK-ONS)**
2. **Students MUST print their first and last name, grade and the name of their school on the back of the poster.**
3. All posters must be created by an individual student. Bollinger Co. SWCD encourages each student to do the work by himself/herself.
4. **The 2026 Stewardship title “Soil. Where It All Begins.” must be on your poster. (Do not use any other title). The poster must incorporate the theme in order to be judged for local prizes.**
5. DO NOT enter a poster that has already been entered in previous years.
6. DO NOT ROLL UP POSTERS - LEAVE FLAT.
7. DO NOT enter more than one poster for each student.
8. **Posters are due at the USDA Service center by Friday, April 10th.**