

About

Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, birds, and bats play a key role in the life cycle of many flowering plants. By carrying pollen from flower to flower, pollinators enable plants to produce seeds. These seeds, in turn, allow for new generations of plants to grow.

Three-fourths of the world's flowering plants depend on pollinators to reproduce, and humans and animals alike depend on these plants for survival. Most fruit, vegetable, and seed crops--and other plants that provide fiber, medicines, and fuel--are pollinated by animals. In fact, nearly one out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of animal pollinators! Pollinators also play important roles in land-based food webs and have a large economic impact.

Pollinators face many challenges in the modern world, including habitat loss, disease, parasites, and pollution. But, there are many things we can do to help pollinators! Adding native, pollinator-friendly plants to the landscape to provide pollen and nectar, reducing the use of pesticides, and leaving areas for native grasses and shrubs to grow are all conservation practices that will help support pollinator survival.

A world without pollinators would certainly be less colorful, less fruitful, and less productive...which is why we hope you will illustrate the importance of keeping the environment healthy so our pollinators can continue to do their jobs!

How to Enter

1. Research *pollinators* and answer the five W's: who are they, what do they do, when are they active, where are they found, and why are they important?
2. Sketch out your design! How do pollinators affect you, your family, and your environment? Your sketch should illustrate why pollination is important to you and MUST include the title "Where would we BEE without pollinators?"
3. Transfer your sketch onto a 14"x22" paper and use markers, paints, and other flat media to make it colorful.
4. Attach a completed entry form to the back of your poster.
5. Submit the poster to the Richland SWCD by Friday, April 10th, 2020. Contest winners will receive cash prizes!

For a list of rules and guidelines, visit www.tinyurl.com/rswcdpostercontest or scan the QR code below.



2020 Conservation Youth Poster Contest



**You won't
BEE-lieve all of
the prizes you
can win!**



2019 Poster Contest Entry Form

Please circle the appropriate grade category: K-1 2-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

ATTACH THIS ENTRY FORM TO THE BACK OF THE POSTER.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Grade Level: _____

Circle one:

Yes / No The poster is the original work of the student named above.

Yes / No The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If “yes,” please explain on another piece of paper.

Signature of parent or guardian allowing the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District and the State and National Associations of Conservation Districts to use the poster submission for educational or promotional purposes:

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Name (printed) _____

Parent or Guardian E-mail: _____

Parent or Guardian Phone: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please Circle One: Public School Private School Home School

School Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher Phone: _____ Teacher E-mail: _____

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