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I. POSTER CONTEST: [Rules and Guidelines](#)

- A. The poster contest will judge winners in five categories: grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12.
- B. The 2019 poster contest should incorporate the theme of "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper".
- C. Posters will be 14" x 22". Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials.
- D. All posters must be created by an individual student. Entry must be contestant's original creation and may not be traced from photographs or other artists' published works. Each entry must be submitted with an [entry form](#) to be eligible for judging.
- E. District winning posters will be due to the Program Office by November 1. The judging of the posters will be completed prior to November 25. It is strongly recommended to submit posters digitally to save on postage costs and risk of damage to posters.
- F. The first place state winner in each category will receive a cash award of \$50.
- G. State winning posters are sent on to NACD by December 1 for national competition.

II. COOPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

- A. A simplified entry form consisting of a one-page letter of the accomplishments and reasons why this entry should receive the award for Cooperator of the Year should be submitted to your Area Director or the MASWCD office by July 1.
- B. The selected state winner will be presented a cash award of \$100 during the Training Conference.

IV. CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:

- A. A simplified entry form consisting of a one-page letter of the accomplishments and reasons why this entry should receive the award for Missouri Conservation Educator of the Year should be submitted to your Area Director or the MASWCD office by July .
- B. The selected state winner will be presented a cash award of \$100 during the Training Conference.

V. HUGH HAMMOND BENNETT AWARD

Invoking the leadership and dedication of Hugh Hammond Bennett, the father of the modern soil conservation movement and the first chief of the Soil Conservation Service (now Natural Resources Conservation Service), the Bennett Excellence in Conservation Award (Bennett Award) recognizes individuals at the local, state and ultimately the national level for extraordinary achievements in and contributions to the soil and water conservation movement in the United States.

Criteria -

- A. Commitment to conservation planning. Bennett Award nominees shall have a current conservation plan and demonstrated commitment to following their conservation plan.
- B. Pioneer new approaches to conservation planning. Nominees shall embrace and incorporate into their management strategy new and innovative conservation planning tools (i.e. Resource Stewardship Evaluation Tool - RSET, Field Print Calculator, 4-R Nutrient Stewardship or others)
- C. Advancement of soil health adoption. Bennett Award nominees shall not only have adopted soil health practices on their own land or operation, they also serve to champion soil health adoption through a variety of community outreach and educational activities,
- D. Civic engagement. Bennett Award nominees shall demonstrate commitment to civic engagement and service at the local, state or national level. Civic engagement could be through elected or appointed service to a local soil and water conservation district, a resource conservation development council, other local or state governing body, or leadership positions in other local, state or national organizations.
- E. Any Soil an Water Conservation District can select one individual on an annual basis to advance as the SWCD's nominee. From the pool of SWCD nominees, each state/territory association of SWCDs selects one nominee to advance to the national level as the state/territory's nominee.
- F. Local and State/Territory Bennett Award nominees shall receive a certificate of recognition for their achievement. All state/territory nominees will also receive a placard for prominent display on their property.

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