

2026 West Virginia Arbor Day Poster Contest Rules

Posters must be the original work of a student in the fourth or fifth grade.

The use of cartoon characters, TV and sports figures, or business names are prohibited. As many of these are copyrighted and for this reason, cannot be used on posters.

All artwork on the poster must be finished and the artist's name must appear in the lower right hand corner on the front of the poster.

All posters must be created in one of the specified mediums and must be within size limits.

Posters may be done in marker, crayon, watercolor, ink, acrylic paint, tempera paint or colored pencils.

Posters must be reproducible. Collages are not acceptable (this includes anything glued on the poster). Posters may be any size between 8 ½ by 11 and 14 by 18. Computer generated art and printing are not acceptable.

Posters must be flat. They may not be folded, matted, mounted, laminated or framed.

The art must be related to the theme in some way and the theme must be on the poster. The 2025 is "Trees are Terrific...and a sum of their Parts". All writing on the poster must be correctly spelled and easy to read from a distance.

Posters must be postmarked by Tuesday April 1st 2026. Posters are to be mailed flat.

Send only one poster per grade and per school to the following address:

West Virginia Division of Forestry
Attn: Andy Sheetz
7 Players Club Drive
Charleston, WV 25311

If you have any questions, please contact me at andy.i.sheetz@wv.gov or 304-382-9574.

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School Winner Report Form

After selecting a school winner, copy and complete this form. Attach the form to the back of the poster and send it to:

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I am a student in the fourth grade _____ or fifth grade _____ (check one)

Winner's name (Miss or Mr) circle one

Winner's Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Teacher's name _____

Teacher's email address _____

School name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School phone number(_____-) _____

Please indicate the number of posters entered in the school contest _____

Please indicate the number of teachers participating in the contest _____