



# POSTER CONTEST

## RULES

**ELIGIBILITY:** This contest is open to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 in Lucas, Marion, Monroe and Poweshiek Counties

**POSTER GUIDELINES:**

- **Use the front of this paper to draw a picture about our relationship to our environment.** Show us ways you improve water quality by recycling or picking up litter.
- Show off your artistic skills! Make it colorful with markers, crayons, or colored pencils.

**ENTRY FORM:** Fill out the form below so we can get in touch. Be sure to get a Parent/Guardian signature.

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be received by Friday November 24, 2023.

## PRIZES

**GRAND PRIZE**

**\$100 for you!**

**\$1000 for your school!**

Your poster on the cover of our 2024 Ecology Calendar and contest t-shirts for your class

**24 MORE WINNING POSTERS**

Your poster printed in the Calendar plus a contest t-shirt and art supplies

**ALL PARTICIPANTS GET A PRIZE!**

Every entry receives a Smencil made of recycled newspaper and all students receive a Calendar

**Winning entries will be announced Wednesday December 13 to schools and on the SCISWA website. Calendars and prizes will be distributed to students in December.**

For more information about this or other outreach programs visit [www.sciswa.org](http://www.sciswa.org) or email [jframpton@sciswa.org](mailto:jframpton@sciswa.org)

## ENTRY FORM

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize release of \_\_\_\_\_'s name, artwork and photo for publication  
child's name

by SCISWA in promotion of this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

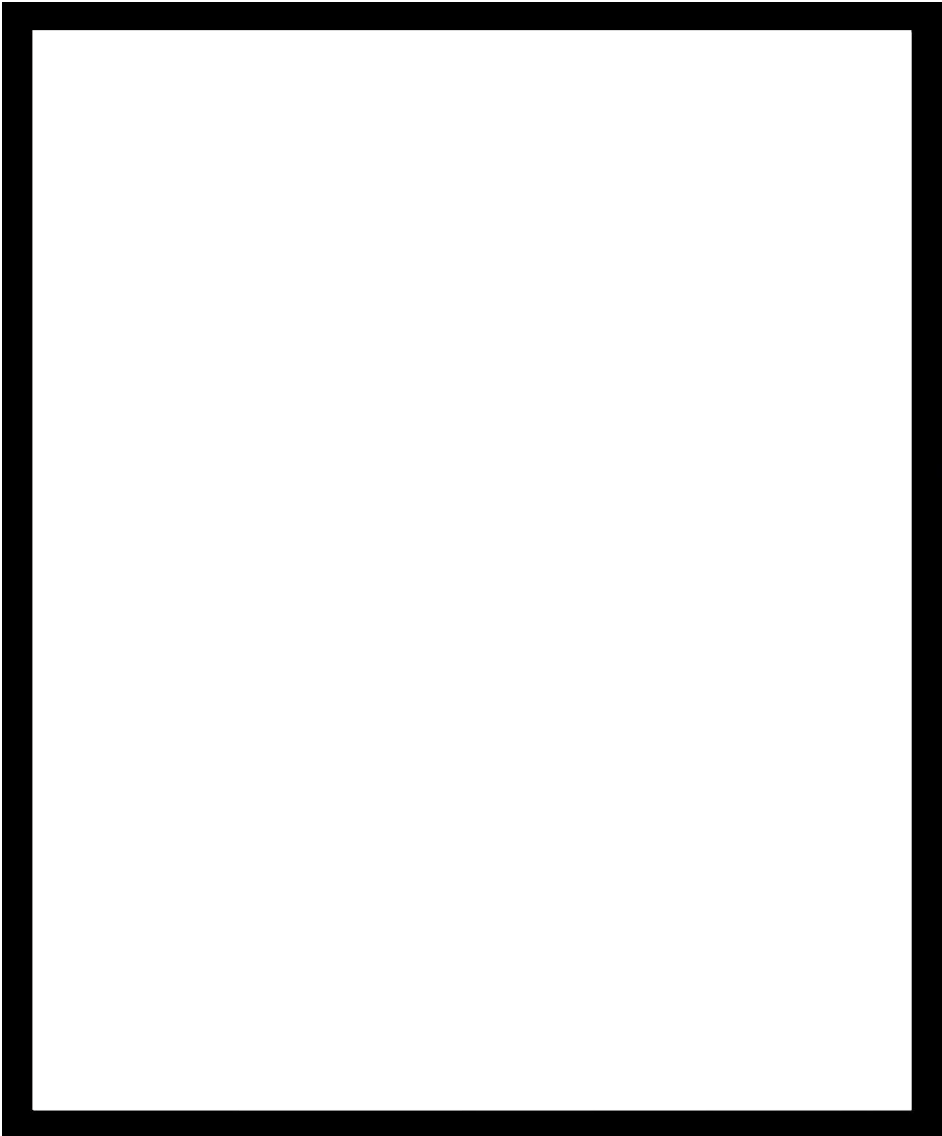
**SUBMIT ENTRIES TO: "SCISWA Poster Contest 1736 Highway T17 Tracy, Iowa 50256"**

# ECOLOGY



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**Ecology: the study of living organisms and their surrounding environment**

As living organisms, we interact with our environment everyday and have a big impact on the health of our ecosystem. Sometimes the small choices we make, such as not picking up a plastic bottle, grow into bigger problems like tiny microplastics.

Plastic waste often breaks down into tiny pieces known as microplastics (less than 5 mm in size), which are nearly impossible to cleanup once they are in the environment. Microplastics can contain toxic chemicals that make their way up the food chain when ingested by fish and other wildlife.

Mismanaged trash that escapes into waterways can create a wide range of problems. Aquatic trash affects water quality, endangers plants and animals, and pollutes the outdoor spaces that we depend on for health, tourism, and recreation.



**Draw a picture for our 2024 Ecology Calendar**

At the landfill we work hard to improve water quality by supporting recycling, proper landfill disposal, and litter clean-up activities throughout our service area. We invite you to draw a picture of the ways you interact with your environment to help create clean and healthy water. Need some ideas? Draw a picture of you recycling or bringing garbage to the landfill. You could draw of picture of yourself cleaning up litter in your community or at the lake, or maybe organizing a clean-up event at the park. Learn more about microplastics and draw a picture of the affects they have on the food chain or the ecosystem. Can you think of other ways you can positively impact ecology? Draw it! Use your artistic skills to make it colorful with markers, crayons, or colored pencils and keep your picture within the frame.

**25 winning posters will be printed in the calendar, details of contest on back. Good Luck!**