



Contest Submission Flow Chart



LOCAL DISTRICT CONTEST



The local district will host the contest at the county or district level. Encourage participation from schools, homeschool groups, private schools, 4-H camps, Scouts, FFA, Art Clubs, faith-based organizations, and any interested youth-centered groups.



DISTRICT WINNER



The local district will judge posters and award the winning entry in each age group category. For guidance on judging parameters, see the Contest Judging FAQ.



AREA / REGION

(where applicable)



In states with Areas or Regions, posters advance from the district to the regional level. Check with your state coordinator to see if this applies. If you're unsure who your state coordinator is, let us know. State coordinators should inform NACD of their appointment so we can update our records. Email us for help if needed.



AREA / REGION WINNER



Area or Region winners will be judged according to local rules. *Hey, did you know we have prize ribbons available on the NACD Marketplace? Well, now ya do!*



STATE CONTEST COORDINATOR

(most times the state association or appointed representative)



The state poster and photo contest coordinator, often working with the state association, will submit the local winners for state judging.



STATE CONTEST WINNER



Congratulations! Your state-winning posters are now going to advance to the NACD national poster contests. Braille posters may have additional photos emailed to stewardship@nacdn.net. Don't forget to send your state winners from 9-12th grade certificates to use in their school portfolios!



NACD NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST



State Poster Contest Coordinators must submit through the NACD online portal by December 1, 2025, at 5:00 PM local time. Digital uploads should be in PDF or PNG format. For a video tutorial on how to scan a poster using your smartphone, visit the contests page.

