

Greenville County Soil & Water Conservation District 2019 Essay Contest



Soil is a dirty topic, but everyone needs to learn more about it! Soil is the foundation for many of the items we use in our daily life, such as food, clothing, clean water, homes and more. Healthy soil equals healthy food, which equals a healthy you. Don't treat your soil like dirt!

Open to 5th - 8th grade students

Essay Contest Rules:

- The essay topic for this year is “**Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper**”
- Contest is open to any Greenville County student in 5th – 8th grade or equivalent.
- Essay length:
 - 350-400 words for 5th & 6th graders
 - 600-750 words for 7th & 8th graders
- Essays must be typed or hand written (in ink) on one side of the paper
- **Punctuation and grammar count! Make sure your essay is double checked for errors!**

- **You MUST have a TITLE page as your first page with ALL of the following information:**
 - **student name and home mailing address**
 - **email address (winners will be contacted by email)**
 - **name of school, name of teacher, teacher email, and grade level**

- **Essay may address ANY OR ALL of the following:**
 - Why is healthy soil important?
 - What types of life can be found in the soil?
 - How do you interact daily with the soil?
 - What connection does healthy soil have to people?
 - What can you do to help keep our soil healthy?

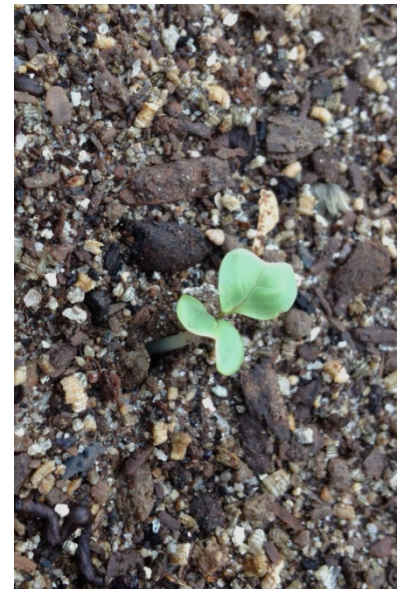
BE CREATIVE! The winners each year have shown a level of creativity and content over and above the average. Tell a personal story or anecdote to make your essay stand out in a crowd!

**3 awards in each grade level- \$50 cash prize per student
Special “thank you” gifts for teachers of award winners**

Deadline: 4:30 PM on Thursday, March 14, 2019

Please mail or hand-deliver entries to:

Essay Contest
Greenville Soil & Water Conservation District
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Greenville, SC 29601



Questions about the essay or contest?

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