

**Iredell Soil & Water Conservation District
Presents the 2018 - 2019**



ESSAY CONTEST
“The Living Soil”
for students in grade 6



- Contest Theme:** The Living Soil
- Entry Deadline:** January 31, 2019
- Category:** Iredell County students in grade 6
- Location:** Bring essay to Iredell SWCD office at 444 Bristol Dr. Statesville or call us at 704.873.6761 x 108 and we will pick up essays at your school.
- Awards:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be selected for grade 6 on the county level.
1st Place: \$25, 2nd Place: \$15, 3rd Place: \$10
Awards will be presented in the Spring.
- Requirements:** On the back of essay include:
Student's name, grade, home address, teacher's name, school, county and Iredell District.
A handbook with complete contest rules can be found at www.Iredellswcd.org Click on Education, then Contests.
- Questions:** Contact Louise Wooten, Education Coordinator at 704.873.6761 x 108 or Louise.Wooten3@gmail.com

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The Essay Contest is sponsored by the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD), which also set the rules. **The complete Contests Handbook can be found at www.iredellwscd.org. Click on Education, then Contests.**

Eligible Titles: A set of five titles has been selected by the Association's Education Committee and adopted by the Association. The approved title and rotation schedule is as follows:

2018-2019 The Living Soil

2019-2020 Wetlands are Wonderful

2020-2021 We all live in a Watershed

2021-2022 Soil & Water....Yours for Life

2022-2023 Water...the Cycle of Life

Participant Eligibility: Open to 6th-grade students.

Contest Cycle: Runs concurrently with the school year and takes place in participating Districts.

Contest Procedure: District First Place winner in local contests will be eligible to enter the Area contest. Each Area First Place winner will be eligible to enter the State contest. Each contest coordinator shall see that contestants and judges have a copy of the rules and shall urge them to study these rules, especially the sections on content, specifications and judging criteria.

All essays entered into District sponsored competitions become the property of the respective District. These entities are entitled to use these essays for promotion of the Conservation District essay program.

For clarification, the difference between an essay and a report, as applied to this contest, is as follows:

Essay- A short composition dealing with a single subject from a personal point of view; facts may be interwoven into the essay, which stimulates thinking.

Report - A formal presentation of facts in a report style.

Judging Criteria: The Association has adopted a standard score sheet to be used for all contest levels. Essays will be judged on content and writing skills as described on the score sheet.

- Essays must be the work of the individual student.
- Essays may be either handwritten or typed on the computer.

Specifications: Essays must:

- Bear the current title of the essay contest.
- Be limited to 300 – 500 words. All words will be counted to reach the limit.
- Be presented on standard 8 ½" X 11" paper.
- Be properly identified on the back using the following format: Student's name, grade, Student's address, Teacher's name, School, County, District (Iredell SWCD)

Infractions:

Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Incorrect length 5 points
- Current title not on essay 5 points
- Wrong paper size 2 points

Awards:

District Level (County) – 1st Place \$25, 2nd Place \$15, 3rd Place \$10 (1st Place advances to Area Level.)

Area Level (12 Counties in NW NC) – 1st Place \$30, 2nd Place \$20, 3rd Place \$10 (1st Place advances to State Level.)

State Level – 1st Place \$200.00, 2nd Place \$100.00