



Delaware Forest Service Arbor Day Poster Contest & Free Seedling Program



2022 Poster Theme:

Trees are Terrific... for Today and Tomorrow!

The annual Arbor Day Poster Contest is designed to increase knowledge about trees and forest resources. The poster contest is an annual way for students to learn more about the role of trees in our communities and their direct impact on Delawareans' health and well-being.

This year's theme, "Trees Are Terrific...for Today and Tomorrow!" is designed to highlight the long-lasting impact of planting a tree and the benefits it continues to provide to our community. **2022** will mark the **150th anniversary of Arbor Day**, the holiday that celebrates planting trees! Planting a tree is a fun activity we can enjoy today, knowing that the tree will continue to improve our lives over time. Trees planted throughout our communities not only provide beauty but help shade our streets and schoolyards and create habitat and food for wildlife. Trees planted today will also be terrific "tomorrow" as they also improve air quality, muffle noise, moderate air temperatures, filter run-off into streams and rivers, and reduce energy consumption.

2022 Poster Guidelines, Rules, Curriculum Guide, and Resources

tinyurl.com/rzzagf6 (Shared Google Drive)

All participating classes also receive free loblolly pine seedlings delivered to their school, just in time to celebrate Arbor Day!

The poster contest is open to all K-5 public, private, homeschool, after-school, and other organized youth groups. Winning posters will be selected from each of the three counties in the following grade categories: K, 1 & 2, 3 & 4, and 5. Twelve winners will be invited to the annual **Statewide Arbor Day Celebration** hosted by Governor Carney! A tree planting ceremony will be scheduled at each winner's school to celebrate Arbor Day.

Register to Participate and Receive Your Free Seedlings at:

2022arbordaypostercontest.eventbrite.com

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Deadline to register and reserve free seedlings: **March 9**
- Deadline to submit posters for state contest: **April 1**
- Arbor Day in Delaware: **April 29**
- Seedling delivery: **last week of April**

