

Delaware Forest Service Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest & Free Seedling Program



2023 Poster Theme:

Trees are Terrific...In All Shapes and Sizes!

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...in all Shapes and Sizes!** is designed to increase knowledge about the importance of tree diversity in our community forests. Trees come in all shapes and sizes, producing a vast array of fruits, flowers, leaves, and seeds. A diverse community forest is a healthier forest that attracts a variety of wildlife and is more visually stimulating. Awareness of the difference between tree species helps in selecting the proper tree to plant in a given location based on site conditions, temperature and soil. Increasing student awareness is the first step towards appreciation of a healthy, diverse community forest.

2023 Poster Guidelines, Rules, Curriculum Guide, and Additional Resources

<https://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 RESERVE YOUR SEEDLINGS HERE:

<https://2023arbordaypostercontest.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 28**
- Seedling delivery: **last week of April**

