

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

The Arbor Day Poster Contest is designed to increase knowledge about trees and forest resources. The poster contest is a fun and educational way for students to learn more about the important role that trees play in our communities, ecosystems, and our quality of life.



This year's poster theme, "Trees are Terrific...and Color Our World!" is dedicated to the beauty and wonderment of trees. There are many different species of trees, each with their own unique shape, size, and color. Throughout the year, trees are a source of inspiration and enrichment as their appearance changes with the seasons. Redbuds, dogwoods, and cherry trees bloom pink flowers in the spring. The red maple is known for its red flowers, red leaf stems (petioles), red seeds (samaras) and red leaves in the fall! The American beech can be appreciated for its grey bark throughout the year and sweet gums' leaves turn orange, red, yellow, and even purple in the fall. What will inspire you?

2025 Poster Theme:

Trees are Terrific...and Color Our World!

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 5th. The twelve winners will be invited to the annual Statewide Arbor Day Celebration. Registration is required to participate. Poster Contest Guidelines and Rules and curriculum resources will be accessible upon registration.

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE AND RESERVE SEEDLINGS

<https://forms.gle/SzqFpbdZhQKoghG89>

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Deadline to register and reserve free seedlings: **March 7**
- Deadline to submit posters for state contest: **March 21**
- Arbor Day in Delaware: **Friday, April 25**

