

2021 POSTER,  
POETRY & PROSE

CONTEST



## Fight Food Waste

Our Environment Can't Be Replaced!

### Participants:

- Illinois Fifth and Sixth Graders

### Entries must include:

- Entry ID Form
- Release Form

### Deadline:

- Electronically submitted by February 1, 2021

### Download necessary forms at:

[www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/education/contest/Pages](http://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/education/contest/Pages)

### Learn about Food Waste:

[pathways.mste.illinois.edu/curriculum/food-waste](http://pathways.mste.illinois.edu/curriculum/food-waste)

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Fight Food Waste?

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IMAGINATION!

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# Exhibit Rules for the 2021 Poster, Poetry and Prose Contest

## Fight Food Waste: Our Environment Can't Be Replaced!

**Theme Focus:** Understanding food waste diversion options, how it affects the environment, including the climate, and why it is important to choose environmentally-friendly options

**Participants:** Illinois fifth and sixth grade students

### Poster guidelines\*:

- Art paper or poster board no smaller than 8-1/2" x 11" and **no larger than 12" x 18"**
- Markers, crayons, pens, pencils, paints, or graphics software (two-dimensional media only)
- **Must be own work** (no copyrighted characters)

### Poetry/Prose guidelines\*:

- One page maximum length, one-sided (no larger than 8-1/2" x 11" sheet)
- Neatly handwritten or typed; minimum 10-point font

***\*New for the 2021 Contest – all entries must be submitted electronically (word, pdf, jpeg or tiff files)***

NOTE: Each student must submit a release form and entry ID with his or her work. Only one person per entry (no group projects)

### ***Each student's work will be judged on:***

- Originality of concept;
- Originality of execution -- no magazine articles, commercial slogans or copyrighted characters or figures;
- Clear, accurate message;
- Emphasis on the theme focus;
- Neatness/attractiveness, legibility/readability, correct spelling, punctuation and grammar; and
- Effort that was put into the work.

### ***Submission Process***

- Attach completed identification forms to email
- Each entry must include a release form filled out and signed at the time of submission; and
- Entries must be emailed no later than **February 1, 2021**.
- Email entries, ID form and release form (word, pdf, jpeg or tiff files) to:

**Kristi.morris@illinois.gov**

*All entries become the property of the Illinois EPA and will be distributed for judging.*

### ***Awards:***

Each participating student whose work meets the guidelines will receive a digital certificate.

Finalists will receive a certificate and a ribbon mailed to them. Finalists include top winners, honorable mention and special recognition. There will be twelve top winners (six in each category) whose work will be displayed as such and will receive an environmental reference book.

## Contest Timeline and Resources

January 2021	Educators incorporate the <i>Environmental Pathways: Where does my food go?</i> unit into their classroom curricula (available free online at: <a href="https://pathways.mste.illinois.edu/">https://pathways.mste.illinois.edu/</a> ). Students learn about food waste diversions and why it is important.
January 11-22	Students create posters or written works relating to the theme focus.
January 25-29	If teachers wish, they can display posters and poems/prose virtually within their schools.
February 1	Teachers and/or students submit entries via email. <b>Entries must be submitted electronically by February 1, 2021.</b>
February 22-26	Judging
April 2021	Educators and students notified via email.

All entries become the property of the Illinois EPA. If you have any questions, please contact: Kristi Morris, Education and Outreach Coordinator, at: [kristi.morris@illinois.gov](mailto:kristi.morris@illinois.gov). For more information or to download the participation packet, please visit the website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/education/contest/Pages/default.aspx>.

Informational resources can be found on the following websites:

- Environmental Pathways: *Where does my food go?* Unit: <https://pathways.mste.illinois.edu/>
- Illinois EPA Food Waste: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/food-waste.aspx>
- Seven Generations Ahead, Zero Waste: <https://sevengenerationsahead.org/zero-waste/>
- Green Lunchroom Challenge: <https://green-lunchroom.istc.illinois.edu/about/>
- Composting Council Research and Education Foundation, a wealth of resource links: <https://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-for-Teachers>
- World Wildlife Fund, Food Waste Warrior Toolkit: <https://www.worldwildlife.org/teaching-resources/toolkits/food-waste-warrior-toolkit>
- Food and Agriculture Organization: <http://www.fao.org/save-food/projects/educationalmaterial-fwr/en/>
- Food Rescue: <https://www.foodrescue.net/>

## **Poster Entry Identification**

*PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR 2021 POSTER ENTRY.*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's statement about work (in his/her own words): \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Poem/Prose Entry Identification**

*PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR 2021 POEM/PROSE ENTRY.*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's statement about work (in his/her own words): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Appearance and Material Release Form**  
**2021**

In consideration that my child (student name), \_\_\_\_\_, has entered a poster, prose and/or poem in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's *Fight Food Waste: Our Environment Can't Be Replaced!* exhibit and said works are the property of the Illinois EPA, I hereby give my consent to the Illinois EPA to publish my **child's name, school, city, photo, and creative works** in the Illinois EPA's Internet site, publications and social media for educational, informational, marketing or other purposes deemed necessary.

I hereby waive any right that I may otherwise have to inspect or approve the finished product, or the manner of its use chosen by the Illinois EPA. I also release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Illinois EPA to whom this consent and waiver is given from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, or use in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of said pictures or in any processing, or in the publication and distribution. I understand that I shall receive no compensation whatsoever in connection with the foregoing, beyond my child's opportunity to participate. I hereby waive all rights of privacy in connection with the use of my child's name, school, city, photo, or creative works. I also waive any and all rights, whether explicit or implied, in the material and consent without reservation to the Illinois EPA using, distributing or otherwise making available the material to other parties as it sees fit.

***Parent or legal guardian must complete and sign below:***

**Parent/Guardian Name**

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**Contact number or email**

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**Address**

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_