

Dear Educator,

The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) is pleased to announce the 2021 Arbor Day Poster Contest, an artistic competition open to public, private and home-schooled 5<sup>th</sup> graders across the state. The poster contest strives to increase an appreciation and awareness of the important role community trees play in the environment and in our quality of life.

I encourage you to look at the attached material and give this information to your 5<sup>th</sup> grade educators and/or art teachers.

One entry per school can be submitted into the State contest to compete with other Colorado schools. (Often schools will hold their own competition internally to come up with a winner that can be submitted to the State contest.)

If the Capitol is open this year, the winning student will be recognized at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver, along with the student's teacher, family members, local legislators and dignitaries. There will be an enjoyable recognition ceremony at the poster contest display, a tour of the Capitol, and a fun lunch within walking distance of the Capitol.

All winning posters from each school will be on display at the State Capitol for one to two weeks in April of 2021.

Winning student will also receive a framed print of their winning poster, **\$200 gift card**, and other supplemental prizes.

The Contest theme is: ***Celebrate Trees in Our Community.***  
**Please submit only one entry/poster per school.**

**Entries may be submitted in person or mail to:**

Colorado State Forest Service  
9769 W. 119th Drive, Suite 12  
Broomfield, Colorado 80021

**Deadline for submitting the posters is March 31, 2021.**

Please contact me if you are interested in having your school participate this year, or if you have any further questions. Visit <http://coloradotrees.org/programs/?#poster> for rules and information regarding this program or open the included attachment with this email.

Regards,

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## CONTEST RULES

The contest theme is: ***Celebrate Trees in Our Community***

**Deadline for submitting the posters is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

### Theme Design Guidelines

Students will create a poster that reflects their understanding of the important role trees play in our community and how trees can be celebrated.

### Eligibility Requirements

Grade five students residing in Colorado.

### Submission Requirements

- **Please only one poster per school shall be submitted.** Each school/classroom is encouraged to decide on the best poster for the entire school. The individual winner should then be submitted to the contest.
- One entry per student
- Must be an original artwork created by a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student
- Entries should be done on 12" x 18" paper or as close as possible to that size
- The poster must relate to the contest theme. "Celebrate Trees in Our Community" must be on the poster; all words must be legible and spelled correctly.
- Entries may be done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, and tempera paint
- Entries must be done on paper, which allows for duplication, display, and framing
- Student's name, grade, school, teacher's name and contact phone number must be printed on the **back** of the poster in pencil
- Student's first and last name must be written in the lower right hand corner on the front of the poster
- Care should be taken to ensure the poster does not get damaged

**Special Note:** *Entries become the property of the Colorado Tree Coalition and may not be returned.*

### Not Accepted

- Collages. Please do not glue anything on your poster.
- Computer or photo-generated art and printing
- Matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded entries
- Names of commercial products, companies or organizations should not be displayed

## STATEWIDE PRIZE CATEGORIES

### Winning Student

- Professionally framed poster
- Recognition at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver, along with the student's teacher, family members, local legislators and dignitaries \*\*\*
- Poster will be displayed at the Capitol in April \*\*\*
- Tour of the Capitol, followed by a fun lunch within walking distance of the Capitol \*\*\*
- \$200 gift card

\*\*\*If Capitol is open

### Winning Teacher

- Recognition at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver, along with the student and his/her family members, local legislators and dignitaries
- Free Access code for a Project Learning Tree [online professional development training](#) of your choosing



All poster submittals will be on display at the Capitol and the winning student will be presented with an award and recognized by State dignitaries!

### CLASS ACTIVITIES:



### Project Learning Tree

Project Learning Tree (PLT), offered by the [Colorado State Forest Service](#), delivers award-winning environmental education curriculum resources and support that can be integrated into lesson plans for all grades and subject areas. PLT teaches students “how to think, not what to think,” about complex environmental issues, and helps them acquire the skills they need to make sound choices about the environment.

- Take a [professional development training](#) to learn how to use this award-winning program in your classroom.
- Explore [PLT resources](#) for free virtual lessons, activities to share with families, and interactive videos to help students explore their local environments.
- Sign up for [The Colorado Branch](#) to receive the latest PLT new, events, resources, and educator tips.



### The Colorado Tree Coalition

The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) is a volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to leading statewide efforts in preserving, renewing, and enhancing community forests in Colorado. Working closely with partners such as the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado State Forest Service, Xcel Energy, and several corporate and private sponsors, the CTC provides programs and services to communities across Colorado. Programs administered by CTC include the Champion Tree, Tree Risk Assessment and Fifth Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest programs. Additionally, the Trees Across Colorado program provides low cost trees to Colorado communities, and the ReForest Colorado program helps communities recover from natural disasters. CTC is a membership driven organization, and it encourages communities across Colorado to become a member to enhance their chances of obtaining tree planting and maintenance grants.

[www.coloradotrees.org](http://www.coloradotrees.org)

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