

Life in the Soil Dig Deeper Poster-Limerick-Essay Contest

Posters may be submitted for five age groups:

- K-1st Grade
- 2nd-3rd Grade
- 4th-6th Grade
- 7th-9th Grade
- 10th-12th Grade

Posters must measure 12" x 18" and be arranged for horizontal display. Any media may be used to create a **flat** poster, including:

- Paint
- Crayons
- Colored pencil
- Charcoal
- Stickers
- Paper
- Or other materials

Poster must include the title: Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper

Essays may be submitted by students in grades 5 through 8

- Essays should be between 300 and 500 words
- Consider the title carefully; write the essay on the subject matter.
- Entries should be double-spaced, typed on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
- Subject matter should be related to the theme: Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper.

Limericks may be submitted by students in grades 3 through 8

- The limerick must have a name or title.
- Limericks shall be placed on a 12" x 18" poster or drawing paper and be arranged for horizontal display only.
- *In the limerick, the basic unit (called a foot) contains three syllables, with heavy accent or beat on the third syllable; ta-ta-TUM. Three such units (or feet) are in the first, second, and fifth lines; two in the third and fourth lines. The heavy accent or beat must always fall on a syllable which can properly be accented.*
- Subject matter should be related to the theme: Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper

RW □ KDYHRUSDUHW □ RURWKHUCUD □
RUSRVVWHUIRURWRFRORUL □

RW □ MH □ VWDSORWDFNVRUWDSH □

RW □ MH □ IORUHVFHWFRORUHGSRVWHUV □

RW □ FUHDWHSRVVWHUWKDWLMDOO □
RUGV □ RUDOOLOOMWUDWLRM

*****Attach an entry form to the back of each submission*****

Every entry must be the contestant's original work and may not be copied or use photographs. All entries must be received at the USDA Service Center in Abilene by January 11, 201