

2022 Kentucky Pollinator Habitat Poster Contest

Entry Form

Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles invites Kentucky's youth to participate in the Kentucky Pollinator Stakeholders Art Contest. The contest is designed to educate the public on the benefits of pollinators and encourage behaviors that promote pollinator habitat across Kentucky.

"In agriculture, we know the importance of pollinators," Commissioner Quarles said. "This contest will allow children from across the commonwealth to spread that message in the most colorful, vibrant, and artistic ways imaginable."

With the theme, "Pollinators and Their Floral Hosts in Kentucky," the contest will focus on the state's wide variety of flowers and plants and the pollinators that visit them. Youth ages 5-18 are invited to participate.

"Managed bees and native pollinators are necessary to U.S. agriculture," Tammy Potter, Kentucky State Apiarist, said. "More than 90 crops in the U.S., including many fruits and vegetables grown here in Kentucky such as apples, strawberries, peaches, pumpkins, melons, and canola, benefit from pollinators with higher yields and more delicious fruit.

These pollinators are necessary for the Earth's ecosystem, and the art contest allows youth to celebrate that relationship between a pollinator and plant in Kentucky.

Contest participants are divided into age categories with prizes awarded for first, second, and third place in each category. First-place winners will receive a \$100 prize, second-place a \$50 prize and third-place will receive a \$25 prize. The prizes are sponsored by NiSource Charitable Foundation/Columbia Gas. Contest entries must be postmarked Monday, Feb. 28, 2022.

See full contest rules at this website: <https://www.kyagr.com/statevet/honeybees.html>

Contestant Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

Contestant Age

County of Submission

Contestant's School

Title of Artwork

Date

Signature of Contestant

This signature certifies that the artwork was created between August 2021 and February 2022 and is the original artwork of the contestant.