



## Whiteside County SWCD Education Fund 2024 Photo Contest

The Whiteside County SWCD Education Fund is once again holding its annual Photo Contest.

Photo Contest Rules/Guidelines are as follows:

- ❖ The photo contest is open to all Whiteside County students in K-12th grade levels.
- ❖ All photos must be taken by the student, no commercial entries accepted.
- ❖ Entries will be accepted between March 1, 2024 and March 29, 2024 at the Whiteside County SWCD office by emailing: whitesidecountyswcd@hotmail.com. Any entries submitted after this date and time will not be judged. **We are once again, only accepting electronic (jpeg) images of photos for this year's contest.**
- ❖ Photo contest categories are on the following page. Photos of hunting/fishing activities and conservation practices will be accepted. No photos of domesticated animals or plants allowed.
- ❖ The grade categories of entries are K-4, 5-8 and 9-12. (Grade level at Fall of 2023 school registration)
- ❖ Photos can be color or black and white.
- ❖ All photos must be taken in Whiteside County. Not more than two (2) entries per student.
- ❖ All entries must have the following information included when submitted: the student's school name - unless homeschooled, the student's name, grade level, date and location of photo, address, phone number, and e-mail if applicable. Missing information will be grounds for disqualification.
- ❖ The photos will be judged by the Whiteside County Education Fund Board. The Fund Board reserves the right to reject any or all entries.
- ❖ We will have three category winners. Prizes are to be determined.
- ❖ The Education Fund Board reserves the right to use the winning photos for news release purposes.
- ❖ Complete and submit the entry and photo release form for each photo you would like to enter into the contest. If you are submitting a photo in which a subject or model's face is recognizable, you must also complete and attach the subject and model release form with your photo/s.

If you have any questions please contact:

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# National Association of Conservation Districts

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## Photo Contest Categories

Before submitting your photo/s, please review the following examples of the four contest categories. NOTE: Your submissions may be used in NACD publications or on NACD's website, so please be sure to include a photo release form signed by the individuals featured in your photos with your submission. Also note that judges reserve the right to determine if a photograph is appropriately categorized and may change a photograph's category.

### Category One:

**CONSERVATION PRACTICES** - Contour Buffer Strips, Contour Farming and Strip Cropping, Cover Crops, Critical Area Planting, Crop Residue Management, Crop Rotation, Diversions, Field Borders, Grade Stabilization Structures (dam/embankment), Grass Waterways, Livestock Management, Manure Storage and Runoff Control, Nutrient Management, Pasture Planting, Pest Management, Riparian Buffer, Rotational Grazing, Stream Bank and Shoreline Stabilization, Terraces, Tree Planting, Upland Wildlife Habitat, Water and Sediment Control Basin, Well Abandonment, Wetland Restoration, Wildlife Food Plot, Windbreaks, and Woodlot Management.

### Category Two:

**CLOSE UP CONSERVATION** - Aquatic Insects, Water, Crops, Plants, Soil, Sediment, Farm Animals, Irrigation, Flowers, Worms, Roots, Compost.

### Category Three:

**CONSERVATION IN ACTION** - Conservation districts in action; conservation planning; district events (community meetings, field days, fairs, exhibits); farmers or landowners (conservation-related events, etc.); interaction with landowners; irrigating crops or watering flowers; office staff at work; supervisors or board members at meetings; technical staff at work; youth (school programs, speech, poster contests, Envirothon, on-farm, conservation-related events, etc.)

### Category Four:

**AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION ACROSS AMERICA** - Barns, Crops, Farm Practices, Farmers or landowners, Fence Rows, Grazing, Implements and Tools, Livestock, Pasture, Ponds, Ranching, Tree Farm, Youth



NACD Photo Contest Entry and Photo Release Form

Entry Form: (required for each photo submitted)

Photographer's name Age Grade (if 18 years old or younger)

Home address Phone number

City State County Zip

Email Organization/School represented

Whiteside Co SWCD (815) 772-2124 ext 3. Name of the local conservation district Phone number of local district

Select category and division for photo:

- Conservation Practices Adult Youth
Close Up Conservation Adult Youth
Conservation in Action Adult Youth
Ag/Conservation Across America Adult Youth

Photo title

Where the photo was taken (Please print the city, state and county)

Description of photo (Example: Red barn with two sheep)



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## **Photo Release Form:** *(required for each photo submitted)*

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Photographer's name	State

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone number	Email

*Minors (under the age of 18) who appear in photographs must have a parent/legal guardian sign their release; subjects 18 years and older can sign their own release form.*

I hereby grant the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) permission to use my likeness, name or images I have photographed in any and all publications: including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these photos can be used National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) as stated above. My photos can also be used for my personal or professional use. I hereby irrevocably authorize NACD to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing NACD's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge NACD from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization. I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. If under the age of 18 I will have consent signed by parent or guardian.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature of photographer	Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature of photographer's parent or legal guardian	Date

<input type="text"/>
Printed name of parent or legal guardian



**NACD Photo Contest Subject and Model Release Form**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Photographer's name	Age	State

Release of information: By signing below, I certify that I have read and fully understand the conditions of NACD's photo release as provided by the photographer.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of subject or model	Age (if a minor)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home address	Phone number

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
City	State	County	Zip

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature of subject or model (or signature of subject or model's parent or legal guardian)	Date

Printed name of subject or model's parent or guardian if a minor