



## Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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## 2018 Conservation Speech Contest Guidelines

State Contest – **Wednesday, March 14th, 2018** at Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI

### Contest Division

1. Elementary Division... (3-5 minute speeches).....Students enrolled in grades 5-6.
2. Junior Division..... (5-8 minute speeches).....Students enrolled in grades 7-8.
3. Senior Division..... (5-8 minute speeches).....Students enrolled in grades 9-12.

### Subject Matter

Speeches must promote the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality. Topics should address soil and water conservation issues. Emphasis should be placed on the subject as it relates to your locality or to the state of Wisconsin.

Authenticity and accuracy of information is important and the speaker should demonstrate familiarity with the subject matter. Feel free to contact Natural Resource professionals as they can provide knowledge on numerous topics. The internet is a rich resource, however not all internet sources are reliable. When using the internet consider your source.

All speeches should be backed up by facts. Both sides of an issue should be presented in a fair and non-accusatory manner. Using names of people or businesses for slander will not be accepted and shall result in disqualification.

### Sanction

All contest materials distributed by counties should include the following statement of sanction: “This activity is approved on the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators Advisory List.”

### Visual Aids

Use of visual aids (posters, charts, etc.) is prohibited; however, notes may be used.

### Speeches

A speech, in part or whole, used in this contest in previous years may not be used again. However, speeches used for other speaking events may be used. Group presentations are not allowed.

### County Contest

An individual student may only enter in one county level speech contest, either in the county in which they reside or in the county in which they attend school. If the county an individual lives in does not host a speaking contest, the individual may seek permission from another county to enter their contest. The winners of each division in each county may compete in the area association contests. **Students must compete in a county and/or area contest to qualify for the state contest. All contest entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.**

### Area Contest

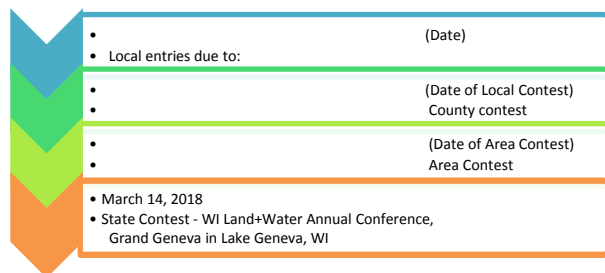
Local county winner will advance to their area contest. Please view our website for your area contest dates, <http://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-poster-amp-speaking-contest> . The results of the area contest (including the parental/guardian signature, legible names, addresses and counties of residence of the winners) shall be sent by the area contest coordinator to all county contest coordinators immediately following the contest for state contest set-up and publicity purposes.

The area association committees and coordinators are responsible for arranging the participation of its three winning speakers (1st place in each division) in the state contest.

### Contest Scheduling

County and area association contests should be completed by **Thursday, February 15, 2018**. For your local contest dates, please

visit <http://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-poster-amp-speaking-contest>.



### State Contest

State contest entry forms for each area contest winner must be received at the WI Land+Water office no later than **Thursday, February 15, 2018**. The state contest will be held in the morning of Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. **Registration will be from 9:00am-9:30am**. First place winners in each division are invited to present their winning speeches at the 2018 WI Land+Water Annual Conference Luncheon that same day at **11:00am**.

Judges will be resource professionals and may ask questions of the speakers. Such questioning shall be done to explore the speaker's knowledge of the subject matter.

State contest RSVP must be completed by **Thursday, February 15, 2018** and immediately forwarded to the WI Land+Water office. If you are planning to come in the night before and wish to book a hotel room please contact Kim Warkentin at [kim@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:kim@wisconsinlandwater.org) by **Thursday, February 15, 2018** to receive the state rate at the Grand Geneva. For publicity purposes at the state level, be sure to include the full mailing address of your local newspaper. Division winner's information will be sent by the state coordinator to the media outlets. **All state contest entry forms must be completely filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and received in the WI Land+Water office no later than Thursday, February 15, 2018 in order for the student to be eligible to compete.**

### 2017 State Speech Winners

(pictured with Jim Vandebrook, WI Land+Water Director and Eric Paulsen, Discover Wisconsin co-host)



**Ellie Lurvey**  
Elementary Division  
Oneida County



**Kate Schraufnagel**  
Junior Division  
Clark County



**Sydney Schunck**  
Senior Division  
Washburn County



# 2018 Conservation Awareness Speaking Contest County Level Entry Form

**\*\*Please fill out completely and legibly\*\***

**TITLE OF SPEECH** \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State WI Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED** Signature of parent or guardian certifies that the information provided is accurate and allows local land conservation departments, WI Land+Water, and NACD to utilize the photos for educational or promotional purposes:

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## LOCAL MEDIA

Name of your local newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL

- Public School    Private School    Home School

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State WI Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

County \_\_\_\_\_


Area \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State WI Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please**  
  
**Appropriate Level**

**Elementary**  
• 5-6 grades

**Junior**  
• 7-8 grades

**Senior**  
• 9-12 grades

