

# Greenville County Soil & Water Conservation District 2020 Essay Contest



The grocery stores would be rather empty without the hard work of bees, birds, butterflies, bats and other pollinators. More than 80 percent of the world's plants need pollinators to survive, including many that provide the food we eat. But today, many pollinators are in trouble and in decline. When pollinators shrink in number, many plants either produce less seed or no seed at all.

## Open to 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

### Essay Contest Rules:

- The essay topic for this year is “**Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?**”
- Contest is open to any Greenville County student in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade or equivalent.
- Essay length:
  - 350-400 words for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders
  - 600-750 words for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Essays must be typed or hand written (in ink) on one side of the paper
- **Punctuation and grammar count! Make sure your essay is double checked for errors!**
  
- **You MUST have a TITLE page as your first page with ALL of the following information:**
  - **student name and home mailing address**
  - **email address (winners will be contacted by email)**
  - **name of school, name of teacher, teacher email, and grade level**

### Essay may address **ANY OR ALL** of the following:

- What is a pollinator?
- Why are pollinators important?
- How do pollinators affect my life?
- What types of animals are pollinators?
- Discuss different types of pollination.
- What types of plants depend on pollinators?
- What can we do to help pollinators to thrive?

BE CREATIVE! The winners each year have shown a level of creativity and content over and above the average. Tell a personal story or anecdote to make your essay stand out in a crowd!

**3 awards in each grade level- \$50 cash prize per student**  
**Special “thank you” gifts for teachers of award winners**

**Deadline: 4:30 PM on Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**Please mail or hand-deliver entries to:**

**Essay Contest**  
**Greenville Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**301 University Ridge, Ste. 4800**  
**Greenville, SC 29601**

### Questions about the essay or contest?

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