

California Arbor Week Poster Contest

For California Youth Ages 5 to 12

2024 Contest Theme: "I ❤️ Trees Because..."

Entries Due: February 12, 2024

Attention Young Artists!

Each year, California kicks off Arbor Week (March 7 - 14) with a Youth Poster Contest. During Arbor Week, we celebrate how trees make our neighborhoods cooler, healthier, and safer for everyone.

Join the celebration! We invite California Youth age 5 -12 to creatively share their love and knowledge of trees in a piece of art. This year's theme is "I ❤️ Trees Because..."



Did you know trees are powerful and do many wonderful things for us every day?

- Trees shade and cool our neighborhoods
- Trees purify our air and water
- Trees provide healthy food and homes for wildlife
- Trees take carbon dioxide out of the air and create oxygen for us to breathe
- Trees make us healthier by encouraging people to get outside to play and exercise
- Trees help humans relax and feel calmer and can even help us do better on schoolwork

Trees can make a big difference in creating healthy communities, which is why it is so important that we plant and care for trees all over California, especially in communities that don't have enough tree cover.

Think about this year's theme, "I ❤️ Trees Because..." and what that means to you - and then make it into a poster!

A committee will review all submitted posters and select the statewide finalists. Each winner will receive a cash prize ranging from \$25 to \$100 and a printed copy of their poster. The top winning posters will be unveiled at the Arbor Week press conference and will then be on the California ReLeaf and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) websites and shared via social media channels.



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Arbor Week Poster Contest Eligibility Guidelines

- The submittal must be original artwork created by California youth ages 5-12
- The artist's first and last name must be written or signed on the front lower right hands corner of the poster
- The poster must be related to the theme, and the phrase "I ♥ Trees Because..." must appear somewhere on the poster.
- Artwork must be between 8.5 in. x 11 in. and 14 in. x 18 in. and on a paper that allows for duplication.
- Entry should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
- Submit entry along with the **Entry Form (below) by 2/12/24** via mail to California ReLeaf at the address provided below. All entries will become the property of California ReLeaf and cannot be returned.
- If you cannot mail the artwork to us, high-quality digital replications (photographs or scans) are eligible. However, if the piece is selected as a finalist, the actual artwork will need to be arranged to be sent to California ReLeaf.

Questions? Contact us at arborweek@californiareleaf.org

Entry Form

**Please attach a copy of this form to the back of the poster.
Entries must be postmarked by February 12, 2024**

Send to: California ReLeaf - Poster Contest
2115 J Street Suite 213 | Sacramento, CA 95816

Artist's Name:

Artist's City (Must be in California):

Artist's School:

Grade:

Age:

Grown-up's Name:

Grown-up's Email:

Grown-up's Phone Number:

If this student wins the competition, where should the check and printed poster be mailed?

How did you hear about the contest?