

2016 PHOTO CONTEST

Eligibility: Middle School and High School Students

Entry Instructions

- **Complete and Submit Entry and Photo Release Form for each photo entered.**

Forms may be submitted one of two ways:

- *Electronic Form Submissions:* Complete the Entry and Photo Release Forms and send it as attachment in an email to amanda.roberts@sc.nacdnet.net.
- *Form Submissions by mail:* Completed Entry and Photo Release Forms may be submitted by mail to

Lancaster SWCD
Amanda Roberts
PO Box 2274
Lancaster, SC 29721

Please note, photos MUST be submitted electronically, even if you submit form(s) by mail.

- **Submit electronic photo files via email** according to entry guidelines to amanda.roberts@sc.nacdnet.net.

Entry Guidelines

The deadline to enter the 2016 Photo Contest is **December 2, 2016**. All entry forms/ release forms must be submitted electronically or postmarked by December 2, 2016. Participants may enter as many as four photos **one in each category**.

1. Photo File Names

Photo files must be named by category, last name, school name. You may submit one photo in each category.

Name each photo file for entry as follows:

Conservation Practices

CP-LastName-SchoolName

Conservation In Action

CIA-LastName-SchoolName

Close Up Conservation

CUC-LastName-SchoolName

Ag/Conservation Across America

ACAA-LastName-SchoolName

For example, Amanda Roberts wishes to submit two photos, one in the **Close Up Conservation** category and one in **Conservation In Action**. Her file names would read as follows:

- CUC Roberts Lancaster
- CIA Roberts Lancaster

To be eligible, your photo must be labeled or named as outlined above. TIP: To rename or label a photo, right-click the photo and choose Rename.

2. Digital Enhancement

Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be altered in any significant manner will be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos.

3. Photo Rights

All entries become the property of Lancaster SWCD, and we reserve the non-exclusive right to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes.

Judging Standards

Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.

Awards Will Be Awarded In Each Category:

1st Place Winner-\$50 gift card

2nd Place Winner-\$45 gift card

The teacher with the most participation in the photo contest will receive a \$50 gift card.

CONSERVATION PRACTICES (EXAMPLES)

Contour Buffer Strips
Contour Farming & Strip cropping
Cover Crop
Critical Area Planting
Crop Residue Management
Crop Rotation
Diversion
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 & Shoreline
Stabilization
Terrace
Tree Planting
Upland Wildlife Habitat
Water & Sediment Control Basin
Well Abandonment
Wetland Restoration
Wildlife Food Plot
Windbreaks
Woodlot Management

CLOSE UP CONSERVATION (EXAMPLES)

Aquatic insects
Clean water
Crops and plants and water/rain
Dirty water/sediment
Farm implements
Hands/tools in soil, water, grains,
on farm animals
Irrigation
Plants and soil/residue
Plants/flowers/crops
Prairie plants
Recycling
Water drops/drips/splashes
Worms/roots/compost

CONSERVATION IN ACTION (EXAMPLES)

Conservation Districts in action
Conservation Planning
District events (community
meetings, field days, fairs, exhibits)
Farmers/landowners
(conservation-related events, etc.)
Interaction with landowners
Irrigation/crops and
water/wildflowers and water
Office staff at work
Supervisors/Board (meetings,
activities, interaction)
Technical staff at work
Wildlife, insects, livestock, aquatic
life, etc.
Youth (school programs, speech,
poster contests, Envirothon, on
farm, conservation-related events,
etc.)

AG/CONSERVATION ACROSS AMERICA (EXAMPLES)

Barns
Crops
Farm Practices
Farmers/landowners
Fence rows
Grazing
Implements and tools
Livestock
Pasture
Ponds
Ranching
Tree Farm
Youth

*Judges reserve the right to determine if a
photograph is appropriately categorized
and change a photograph's category
accordingly.*

2016 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM/ RELEASE FORMS

STUDENT INFORMATION:

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Does the student live in Lancaster County, SC? *Circle One.* Yes or No

Phone (_____) _____

School Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Category of Photo: Please check the one you used.

Conservation Practices Conservation In Action
 Close Up Conservation Ag/Conservation Across America

Where was the photo taken? _____

When was the photo taken? _____

What is the title of your photo? _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Teacher's Name _____

Public School _____ Private School _____ Home School _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

All programs and services of the Lancaster Conservation District are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, age, gender, national origin, religion, handicap or marital status.

LANCASTER SWCD PHOTO RELEASE

Required Signatures for: Photographer and subjects in photos

(Must have one form for each photo entered- send completed form with signed entry form)

Photographers Name: _____

School _____ Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signed Photo/Media and Information Release of photos and subjects in photo

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 Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District permission to use my likeness, name or images I have photographed in any and all publications: including website entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District and will not be returned. My photos may also be used for my personal or professional use. I hereby irrevocably authorize Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District 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 Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District 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.

Signature of Photographer Date

Signature of Parent/legal guardian Date

Signature of parent/legal guardian if a photographer is a minor under age of 18

Printed name of parent/legal guardian if a minor under age of 18

LANCASTER SWCD MODEL/SUBJECT RELEASE FORM

Send completed form below with, signed entry form if applies to photo being submitted.
To be used if any of the subjects faces are recognizable in your submitted photos

PHOTOGRAPHER NAME _____
School _____

Subjects in photos release: By signing this release I have read and understand the
LANCASTER SWCD Photo Release Information

Name of person photographed (PLEASE PRINT) Age (if minor) _____

Address _____
City, State, and Zip Code _____

Signature of person photographed Date _____
Or signature of parent/legal guardian if a minor under age of 18

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PHOTOGRAPHER NAME _____
School _____

Subjects in photos release: By signing this release I have read and understand the
LANCASTER SWCD Photo Release Information

Name of person photographed (PLEASE PRINT) Age (if minor) _____

Address _____
City, State, and Zip Code _____

Signature of person photographed Date _____
Or signature of parent/legal guardian if a minor under age of 18

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