

Delaware Forest Service Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest & Free Seedling Program



**2017 Poster Theme:
Trees are Terrific...from Acorn to Oak!**



The annual Arbor Day Poster Contest is designed to increase knowledge about forests and forest resources. Participating in the poster contest is a way for your students to learn more about the role of trees in our state and their direct impact on Delawareans' health and wellbeing.

This year's theme, "**Trees Are Terrific...from Acorn to Oak!**" is designed to increase knowledge about the importance and diversity of the oak tree as well as introduce students to the process of tree identification. Oaks have offered us shelter, beauty, and resources, as well as serving as a symbol of strength throughout the history of the United States. Through basic classification skills students will recognize unique characteristics that separate oaks from other trees.

[Click here for the 2017 poster guidelines and rules.](#)

All participating classes will receive free loblolly pine seedlings delivered to your school, just in time to celebrate Arbor Day!

Studying Delaware's forests can help supplement K-5 science units and is a perfect opportunity to localize your lessons. [Click here to access classroom curriculum for this year's theme.](#)

The poster contest is open to all K-5 public, private, homeschool, afterschool, and other organized youth groups. Winning posters will be selected from each of the three counties in the following grade categories: K, 1&2, 3&4, & 5. The twelve winners will be invited to be recognized at the annual Statewide Arbor Day Celebration hosted by Governor Carney! A tree ceremony will be scheduled at each winner's school and the teacher receives a \$50 gift card for classroom supplies.

**REGISTER OR THE CONTEST AND RESERVE YOUR SEEDLINGS
HERE:**

<https://2017arbordaycontest.eventbrite.com>



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Deadline to register and reserve free seedlings: **March 15**
Deadline to submit posters for state contest: **March 31**
Arbor Day in Delaware: **April 28**
Seedling delivery: **early April**

