



**Commonwealth of Kentucky
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**Public Health Hosts Children's Environmental Health
Poster Contest**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sep. 17, 2019) – The Department for Public Health (DPH), within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), is inviting school-age children Kindergarten through 8th grade across the Commonwealth to create and submit original artwork for a chance to win cash prizes in a poster contest focusing on environmental health. This contest is sponsored by the Kentucky Environmental Public Health Tracking Network and Kentucky Population Health Institute.

Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade may submit a poster focusing on environmental health in Kentucky. Posters must include at least one of the following topics:

- Water quality and health
- Air quality and health
- Climate and health

- Built environment and health
- Physical activity and health
- Food and health

First (\$100), second (\$75), and third (\$50) place overall winners will receive Visa gift cards. A winner from each grade also will be selected and awarded a \$25 gift card, and a drawing from all participants will be held and three names will be chosen to receive \$25 gifts cards. The winners' posters will be recognized at the annual Children's Environmental Health Summit to be held at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky on Oct. 10. Winners will be contacted via email or phone on or before Oct. 10, 2019.

Entries will be judged on creativity, poster theme, topic and originality. Submissions for the poster can include any of the following media: crayon, marker, watercolor, tempera, acrylic, collage, or original photograph. Poster size should be 8.5" x 11". Submissions will be accepted from any Kentucky resident students in grades Kindergarten through 8th. Each participant may only submit one original poster. All posters become the property of DPH and may be used in future disease prevention campaigns. ***Child name, grade, teacher, school and teacher contact information (address, phone and email) must be included on the back of the artwork.***

Submissions will be accepted from Sep. 4 to Oct. 4, 2019. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 4th, 2019 and mailed to Shelly Canada (Poster Contest), Kentucky Department for Public Health, 275 E. Main Street, Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning HS2GW-C, Frankfort, KY 40621. A completed entry form must be taped or glued to the back of each entry.

For more information on participant criteria and submission form, go to <https://kyibis.mc.uky.edu/ehl/about/CEHS.html> and click on "[Poster Contest 2019](#)" or contact Shelly Canada, Poster Contest Coordinator, at (502) 564-4537, Ext. 4448 or Shelly.Canada@Ky.gov.

For additional information on Health and Environment in Kentucky, go to EnvroHealthLink.org

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