



Poster Contest

CALL FOR ENTRIES

OPEN TO KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please share this information with others who may be interested

All of Colorado's K-12 students are invited to showcase their artistic talent and their commitment to the environment by participating in the Colorado Association for Recycling's 10th Annual Recycling Poster Contest, a project of the Education and Outreach Committee.

PRIZES

Ten (10) winners will receive prizes, two from each grade category:

- Kindergarten – 2nd grade
- 3rd grade – 4th grade
- 5th grade – 6th grade
- 7th grade – 8th grade
- 9th grade – 12th grade

One grand-prize winner receives a **\$100 gift card**.

Each school with winning entries will receive a **free one-year teacher membership to RAFT Colorado** in Denver.

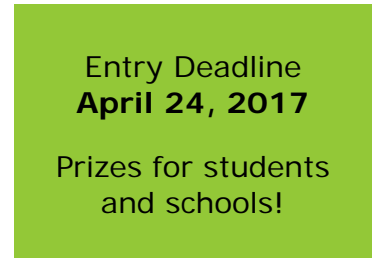
Winning artwork will be used in Colorado's 2017 America Recycles Day (www.americarecyclesday.org) video and be seen throughout the state.

See last year's winners in the 2016 video "[America Recycles Day – Top 10 Reasons to Recycle!](#)"

We hope your school, organization, or business will participate in this worthwhile event and we look forward to working with you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Amy Randell
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The Colorado Association for Recycling (CAFR) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit association committed to supporting, educating and guiding individuals and leaders in business, education, nonprofits, and government to take action that turns ever greater amounts of waste into marketable resources. Visit www.cafr.org for more information.



Poster Contest Rules

***Please read the following contest rules carefully**
Only posters that meet the contest rules will be considered.*

Deadline

Posters should be received by CAFR **no later than April 24, 2017**. Please mail entries early. Winners will be notified as soon as possible.

Eligibility

All students in Colorado public and private schools (including home schools) and youth organizations are eligible (kindergarten through high school).

Poster Requirements

Posters created by students must be their own original artwork. Copyrighted characters (such as Superman) or copyrighted clip art will not be accepted.

Materials:

Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, markers, computer graphics, etc. Some tips: Brighter colors show up better, light pencil marks will not show up. Artwork should be easy to see, read and understand. Students are encouraged to incorporate recycled or recyclable materials in their creations. NOTE: If students are incorporating recyclables into their artwork, *depth is restricted to half an inch.*

Size & Layout:

Minimum: 8 ½" x 11"
Maximum: 11" x 17"

Landscape (horizontal) layout is best, but portrait (vertical) layout will be accepted.

Release Form:

Each poster must have the completed Release Form (page 5) securely fastened to the back of the poster. A poster not accompanied by a *completed* Release Form will not be eligible for further judging.

Submitting Posters:

Posters, with completed Release Forms, must be received by **April 24, 2017**.

Send posters to:

CAFR Poster Contest
128 Pearl St
Fort Collins, CO 80521-2424

Each participating school, organization, or group is permitted to submit up to fifteen (15) posters. How the fifteen (15) posters are chosen is up to you. Some may wish to have a pre-contest to choose the entries; others may want to ask the art teacher, principal, or group leader choose.

Theme

Students are encouraged to incorporate the theme "Where do you recycle?" into their artwork (see page 4). Information on solid waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and buying recycled products can be found on our website, www.cafr.org/resources, or www.americarecyclesday.org.

Judging Procedure

The posters will be grouped into one of the following five grade categories:

- Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- 3rd through 4th grade
- 5th through 6th grade
- 7th through 8th grade
- 9th through 12th grade

The two (2) best posters in each grade category will be selected based on the judging criteria listed below. Two finalists will be awarded in each grade category; only finalists will be notified.

Judging Criteria

1. Conveys clear message through text and artwork.
2. Exhibits creativity, originality and artistic quality.
3. Displays visual clarity and correct spelling – easy to read and understand.
4. Addresses the theme listed on page 4.

Prizes

Teacher/School/Organization:

Please photocopy and give a "Certificate of Recognition" (master copy enclosed, page 6) to all students that participate to acknowledge their efforts.

Statewide Winners:

The two finalists in each grade category will receive a recycled-content award highlighting their artwork.

One of the 10 selected winners will be awarded a grand prize of a \$100 gift card for themselves and will also earn a free one-year teacher membership for their school to RAFT Colorado (www.raftcolorado.org). RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching) helps educators build their students' minds through interactive, hands-on learning. RAFT collaborates with Colorado businesses, community members, and education organizations to provide teachers with affordable tools, ideas, and learning experiences to inspire the next generation of thinkers, innovators, problem-solvers, and creators.

Winning artwork will be used in Colorado's 2017 America Recycles Day video and be seen on local and public television stations.

Please Remember:

- Up to **fifteen (15)** entries may be submitted by each school, organization or business.
- Entries must meet the poster requirements specified on page 2 and **must have the completed Release Form on page 5** securely fastened to the back of the poster.
- All artwork submitted becomes property of the Colorado Association for Recycling and may be reproduced without remuneration to the artist.

2017 Theme

Where do you recycle?

According to americarecyclesday.org, Americans have become better recyclers over the past several decades and the current U.S. recycling rate is 34%. When making a commitment to recycle, actions speak louder than words, and it's important to know not only what you can recycle, but where you can recycle as well. The following list contains places that many of us visit, and we can recycle at most, if not all, of these locations:

At home?

Many cities and towns have recycling programs and some provide curbside service. Glass, paper, metals and plastic are the most commonly recycled items. Think about everything you use at home – glass bottles of juice or perfume, scratch paper from math homework or empty toilet paper rolls, cans of soup or fruit cocktail and plastic containers of peanut butter and shampoo – all of these items can be recycled. If your city or town offers composting, this is also a great way to keep leftover food, pizza boxes, cardboard and used paper towels out of the landfill. Find out if your city or town has a recycling program and learn more about it! (This information is generally available at your city or town's website.)

At school?

Some of the most common recyclables at school are paper, metals (cans) and compostable items (food scraps, tissues, etc.). Does your school have a recycling program? You can find out more about recycling at school at www.recycleworks.org/schools.

At play?

If playing or attending baseball games or soccer matches after school or on the weekends, you are likely to end up with empty plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Many neighborhood sports fields and baseball diamonds have recycling containers. Make sure to use these bins, and not the trash container, to keep recyclables out of the landfill. If the appropriate containers are not available, take empty bottles, cans, etc., home and add them to the curbside recycling bin. Recycling can literally be child's play. Check out this website for ideas: <http://handsonaswegrow.com/34-recyclables-to-upcycle-for-the-kids/>.

At events and places such as:

Sports stadiums?

Museums?

The zoo?

Movie theatres?

On vacation?

The store?

The library?

Everywhere?

Visit these websites for more information:

<https://kids.niehs.nih.gov/>

<https://www.epa.gov/green-sports/stadiums-events-and-leagues>

<http://earth911.com/>

Release Form

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SECURELY FASTENED TO THE BACK OF EACH POSTER SUBMITTED.

Student Name _____

Home Address _____

Home City, State and Zip Code _____

Student/Parent E-mail _____

Student/Parent Home Phone Number (_____) _____

School/Organization _____ **Grade** _____

Teacher/Contact _____

Teacher/Contact E-mail _____

School/Organization Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

School/Organization Phone Number (_____) _____

I hereby certify that this poster was created entirely by the student above and is the student's original artwork and there are no copyrighted characters used. I agree that it may be offered for public display or publication at some time during or after the contest. I understand that this poster becomes the property of the Colorado Association for Recycling and may be reproduced without remuneration to the artist. The only information that will be released is the student's name, school, grade, and hometown.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian

Print Name

Print Name

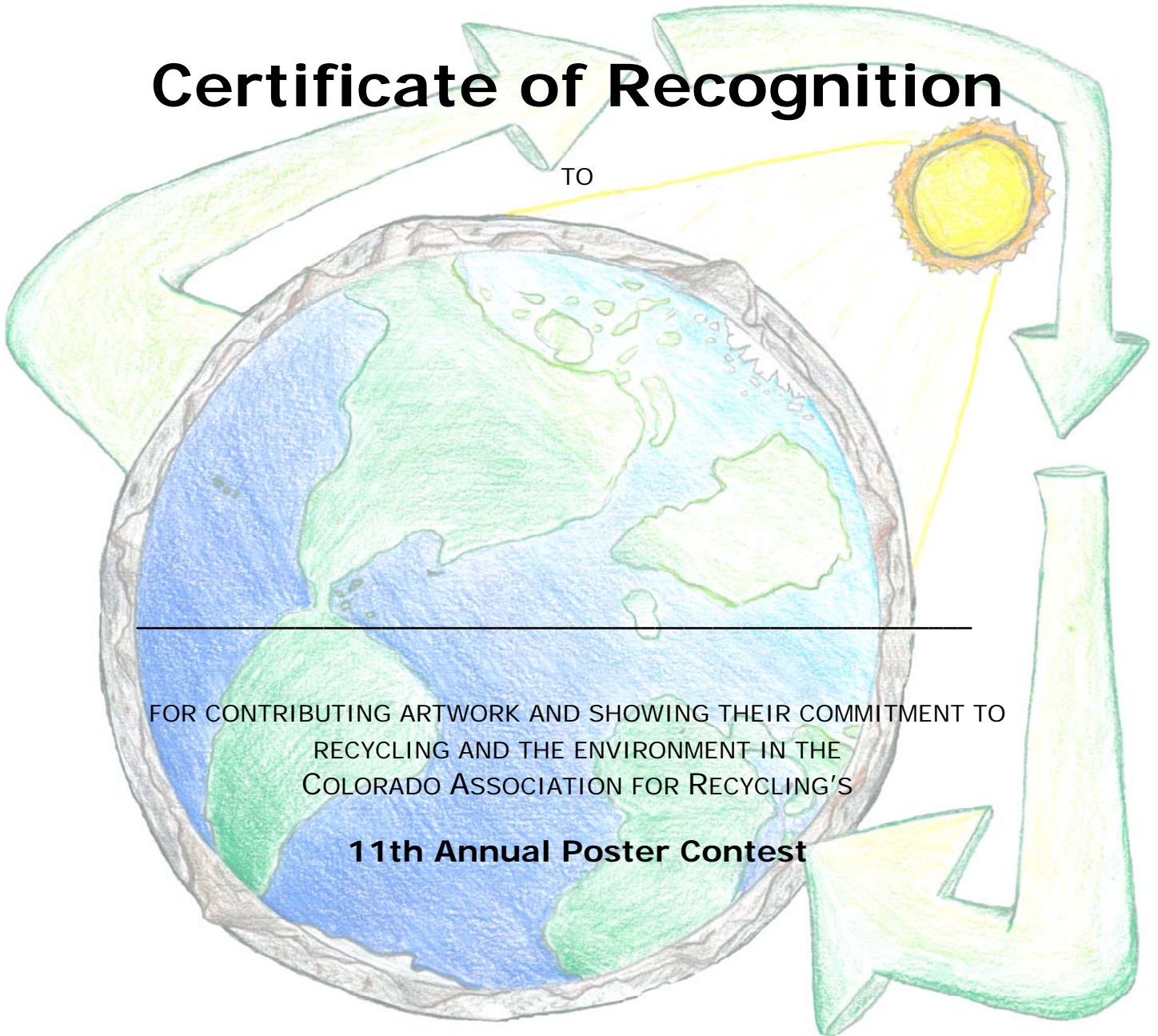
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THE COLORADO ASSOCIATION FOR RECYCLING
AWARDS THIS

Certificate of Recognition

TO



FOR CONTRIBUTING ARTWORK AND SHOWING THEIR COMMITMENT TO
RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE
COLORADO ASSOCIATION FOR RECYCLING'S

11th Annual Poster Contest

AWARDED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____



AMY RANDELL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
COLORADO ASSOCIATION FOR RECYCLING