



# MSSU EARTH DAY CONTEST 2026

**5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students**

**Theme: Reduce/Reuse/Recycle**

*hosted by*

**Missouri Southern State University  
Environmental Health and Safety Club**

**and**

**Environmental Health and Safety Program**

## **Informational Poster / Art / Product Contest General Guidelines**

- One entry per student (no team projects)
- Original work required, no cut and paste or plagiarism
- MUST be self-standing. Posters should be on self-standing science fair type tri-fold board.
- For table display: weight limit is 50 pounds, size limit is width 30 inches x depth 30 inches x height 4 feet.
- Materials used must be harmless recyclable and/or reusable. They must not be odorous, uncontained liquid, unstable, reactive or otherwise dangerous.
- If art or product, a **typed** description of the creation process must be attached.
- The student's name, grade, school, advisor name and contact information on the back side of poster or on back side of art/product description.

### **Informational Posters:**

judged on how well the poster motivates others to the practice(s) of reducing, reusing and/or recycling of solid wastes, how well the topic was researched, scientific accuracy, and how well the data or message is displayed

### **Recycled Art\*:**

judged on content of recyclable, reusable material(s) used, the step by step process description of creating it, artistic ability, originality, imagination, creativeness and attention-getting while relaying a message on the theme of reduce, reuse, or recycle

### **Recycled Product\*:**

judged based on the use of reusable or recyclable materials to make it, the step by step process description of creating it, must be usable, practical, creative, and original

**\*Please note the goal is to use items that would have gone into the trash/recycling NOT to purchase new materials. In the typed description, the student should list items in their project that are recycled or reused.**

**Top projects in each category, at each level (middle or high), will be awarded cash prizes.**

## Agenda

### **Thursday, April 23**

**12:00-5:00pm:** High school & middle school students/teachers/parents bring in poster/art/product on theme of reduce/reuse/recycle to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Billingsly Student Center Ballroom

- No entries after 5:00 pm!

**5:00-7:30pm:** Judging of posters, art and products

- Students are **not** present during judging

### **Friday, April 24**

**8:00-12:30pm:** Public viewing of projects in Billingsly Student Center Ballroom

**9:00am-12:00pm:** Speakers on environmental and sustainability

- Students and community are welcome and encouraged to attend and hear educational talks on local and other environmental issues

**8:30am-12:00pm:** Earth Day Related Booths

- For viewing by the students and community with environmental, health and safety related information

**12:00-12:20pm:** Announce poster/art/product contest winners

**12:30-5:00pm:** Students are to remove their posters/art/product

**Contact:** Dr. Teresa Boman at [boman-t@mssu.edu](mailto:boman-t@mssu.edu) with any questions

To participate, **complete the online registration form by April 17, 2026. Scan the QR code or use the link below.**



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