



March 24, 2023

Dear Principal and Art Teacher:

**2023 Morris County Clean Communities Grant - Poster Contest
Keep Morris County Litter Free!**

We invite students from your school to participate in our annual Poster Contest. The separate component and letter provide information about the litter cleanup project. Your school may participate in the poster contest exclusively or in conjunction with the cleanup; however, you must participate in the litter cleanup to earn the \$600.00 grant. This grant program is part of a statewide litter abatement campaign. Our focus is to **Keep Morris County Litter Free!**

Each school will run the poster contest individually for students in grades 5 through 12. We urge you to provide this information to the art teacher or any other faculty member who would be interested. This is a great way to incorporate core curriculum requirements. Details about the poster contest are listed on the attached pages. The countywide winners will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate, and their artwork will be replicated on a recycling container for their school. This is a great way to display the student's artwork and encourage recycling at your school. **Please complete forms A & B and submit them by April 14, 2023. Please submit posters by July 1, 2023.**

Please see the enclosed application forms for the poster contest. If you have any questions, please call me at 973-285-8395.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Birmingham

Cheryl Birmingham
Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator
214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, NJ 07869

cc: Art Teacher

Attachments



Poster Contest Form A - Application “Keep Morris County Litter Free!”

Poster Contest for Schools in Morris County (grades 5-12)

2023 Clean Communities Grant for Schools in Morris County Keep Morris County Litter Free!

To participate in the poster contest, complete this page and the agreement/signature page (forms A & B) and mail (or email) by April 14, 2023. Be sure to provide all the requested information.

Please provide the following information (print or type):

School District: _____

Municipality: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Contact Person, title: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Students from which Grades will participate: _____
(Students from grades 5 through 12 are eligible to participate)

How many students will participate? _____

ONLY SUBMIT TWO POSTERS. The teacher or coordinator from each school should choose two posters from their respective school and submit them to the Morris County MUA to be judged in the countywide contest by July 1, 2023.

Please complete and return Forms A & B by April 14, 2023, to
Cheryl Birmingham, Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator; cbirmingham@co.morris.nj.us.



Poster Contest Form B - "Keep Morris County Litter Free!"

Agreement/signature page

I _____ agree to do the following:
Please Print Name

Complete and return Forms A & B to participate in the poster contest. Please mail or email the forms by April 14, 2023, to Cheryl Birmingham at cbirmingham@co.morris.nj.us. This will confirm participation.

Poster Contest:

- Each interested school will run the contest for students in grades 5 through 12.
- The school will display the posters for one week before submitting posters to MCMUA.
- **Two posters** chosen by the teacher or coordinator at the school will be submitted to the Morris County MUA for further judging (countywide) by July 1, 2023.
- The posters submitted will become the property of the Morris County MUA.
- The Morris County MUA plans to choose four (based on several entries) overall winners from grades 5 through 12 (contingent on significant participation, at the discretion of MCMUA). Two winners will be selected from grades 5-7, and two winners will be selected from grades 8-12. **The artwork from the winning posters will be replicated on recycling containers donated to each school that submitted the winning posters.** The delivery date of containers to schools is to be determined by MCMUA.
- Each winning artist (student) will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate for personal use.
- If students need help obtaining posterboard or markers, please call Cheryl at 973-285-8395. The MCMUA will provide the materials.

Posters MUST Include the following:

(Please see the past winning poster below, which meets the criteria)

- The text, "Keep Morris County Litter Free!"
- Posters must be created on standard poster board, 22"x 28."
- Portrait Orientation ONLY
- Use bold colors and fill the posterboard (white spaces should be limited)
- Write the student's name, grade, & school on the back of the poster.
- Original artwork only, please. Computer-generated pieces are not accepted.
- Each poster is to be designed and created by **one student** only.



Posters must include a theme from the list below.

- Litter abatement themes: keeping communities/public lands litter free.
- Changing the attitudes of those who litter, teaching others how to prevent litter.
- Protecting the environment, simple, thoughtful practices that make a difference.
- Reduce Waste: use a refillable water bottle to reduce single-use plastic bottles.
- The proper use of trash and recycling receptacles in public places: litter prevention!

Signature of Project Advisor (teacher)

