

2027 Student Poster Competition - Request for Applications

Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC)
[2027 Annual Environmental Conference](#)



MACC's 6th Student Poster Competition will be held at our Annual Environmental Conference on Saturday, March 6, 2026 at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

[Apply to Compete >>](#)

Perks

- This is a great opportunity for students to show off their environmental theses or special projects to over 700 conference attendees, including state government officials, environmental consultants, attorneys, and engineers from across New England
- Competing students get to attend our Annual Environmental Conference for free
- 1 advisor per student may attend our Annual Environmental Conference at the MACC member rate (\$180)
- Cash awards and certificates will be given to the top 3 poster presenters
 - 1st place: \$100
 - 2nd place: \$75
 - 3rd place: \$50

Application Guidelines

- Students interested in competing must [apply](#) by **11:59 pm EST on Saturday, January 16, 2027**
- Any undergraduate or graduate student is welcome to apply
- Students are welcome to apply with multiple projects - however, accepted students must select only 1 project to present at the competition



Poster Guidelines

- MACC welcomes student creativity on environmental topics - Our members particularly appreciate topics related to wetlands, climate change, open space, and natural resources
- We recommend referring to our [Poster Judging Form](#) as you craft your poster
- Posters must fit within a maximum display area of 30" x 42"
- All poster illustrations and lettering must be prepared prior to the conference
- Posters must provide the following information:
 - Project title
 - Author name(s) and affiliation(s)
 - Acknowledgements, including sources of support or funding
 - Background/Introduction
 - Objectives
 - Materials and methods
 - Appropriate visuals including charts, graphs, photographs, etc.
 - Conclusion and discussion
 - References, if applicable

Competition Overview

- Competing students must be present for the full duration of our Annual Environmental Conference (~8:00 am - 4:30 pm) on Saturday, March 6, 2027
- The competition does not involve a formal presentation to a large audience - however, students will be asked to remain next to their posters during an allotted competition period to describe their work and answer questions as judges visit

Materials

- MACC will supply cork boards and pushpins on the day of the conference for students to pin their posters up
- Students are responsible for any other materials or supplies needed to present their poster
- No audiovisual support or electrical outlets are provided for poster presentations

Questions

- Please email mariana@maccweb.org with any questions

Good Luck! We look forward to reviewing your proposals.

