

## RULES FOR THE LIMERICK AWARDS PROGRAM

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Limerick Awards Program is open to all students in learning levels five (5) through eight (8); home schooled children in levels five (5) through eight (8); and children in Special Purpose Schools\*\* (no age or grade distinction). These youth may be identified with schools, 4-H clubs, Boy or Girl Scouts, church groups, etc. Each district is allowed to submit two (2) entries in the State Limerick Awards Program. Exception being if there is a Special Purpose School entry, two additional entries may be sent. Entrants may compete in the contest conducted by the conservation district in which they reside, or in the conservation district where they attend school. Entrants may participate in only one district limerick contest.

**SUBJECT MATTER:** The subject matter shall be related to the use and/or conservation of natural resources (examples: soil, water, plants, trees, minerals, wildlife, beautification, recreation, etc. with special emphasis on the conservation of soil and water) for making a better community for present and future generations.

**ENTRIES:** NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR, electronic entries should be sent to [pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net](mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net). **Only electronic submissions, either photos or scanned copies, of the original creations are accepted as JPEG or TIFF files.**

The entries from each district must be entered in the State Limerick Awards Program by the Conservation District board of supervisors. For identification, an entry form with information containing the participant's name, age, learning level, home address, telephone and/or email, and the conservation district must be submitted with each entry. (Special purpose students need not list age or level). (We are asking that each conservation district type the name of each entry for correct spelling and readability). Please use the entry form provided or one like it. No identification is to be on the front of the limerick.

Limerick file must be submitted using this file name:

County\_Gradelevel\_Lastname of limerick author

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County\_Gradelevel\_Lastname of limerick author\_entry

### EXAMPLE:

Peter Cadbury in 6<sup>th</sup> grade has created a limerick which has won first place in the Neosho County Conservation District Conservation Limerick Contest. The District Manager will submit the limerick to [pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net](mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net) as a .jpg or .tiff file with the file name of Neosho\_6\_Cadbury. His entry form file will be named Neosho\_6\_Cadbury\_entry, and it will be submitted with the limerick file.

**EXHIBITING AND AWARDS:** Limericks shall be exhibited at the Annual Meeting of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts and the winners will be announced. First Place winner will receive a plaque and certificate, second place a medal and certificate, and third place a medal and certificate. Certificates will be presented to five honorable mention winners along with medals. All awards can be picked up at the Education and Youth Committee meeting on Monday of the convention.

**LIMERICK RULES:**

1. The limerick must have a name or title
2. Limericks shall be placed on a 12"x18" poster paper and arranged for horizontal display only.
3. In the limerick, the basic unit (called a foot) contains three syllables, with heavy accent or beat on the third syllable: ta-ta-TUM. Three such units (or feet) are in the first, second and fifth lines; two in the third and fourth lines. The heavy beat or accent must always fall on a syllable, which can properly be accented
4. NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR, limerick file must be submitted to [pamela.walker@ks.nacdn.net](mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdn.net) using this file name:

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Example:

**Loud and Clear**

Conservation, Spread it loud and clear  
 Please spread it to each and every ear  
 Terracing, strip farming,  
 Windbreaks, contour farming  
 Finally, the right answer is here!

The judges will select winners according to the score sheet as follows:

- Conservation Message.....50%
- Visual Effectiveness.....30%
- Originality .....10%
- Universal Appeal.....10%

Revised in December 2017, by KACD Conservation Education & Youth Committee, to go into effect for entries in 2018 KACD Contest. Entry submission address updated January 2015.

\*\* Special Purpose Schools are for those who are mentally or physically challenged

Revised June 2021 to reflect change from paper submission of limericks to electronic submission