



March 24, 2024

Dear Principal and Art Teacher:

**2024 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 \$200.00 gift certificate, and their artwork will be replicated on a recycling container for their school (see photo below). This is a great way to display students' artwork and encourage recycling at your school. **Please complete forms A & B and submit them by April 12, 2024. The posters must be submitted by July 1, 2024.**

The application forms for the poster contest are enclosed with this letter. If you have any questions, I may be reached at 973-285-8395.

**MCMUA's New Address as of March 1, 2024: 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, NJ 07885**

Sincerely,

*Cheryl Birmingham*

Cheryl Birmingham  
Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator  
[cbirmingham@co.morris.nj.us](mailto:cbirmingham@co.morris.nj.us)



Recycling bins with replicated art.

cc: Art Teacher

Attachments



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

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

## 2024 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 12, 2024. 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, 2024.

Please complete and return Forms A & B by April 12, 2024, to  
Cheryl Birmingham, Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator; [cbirmingham@co.morris.nj.us](mailto: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 12, 2024, to Cheryl Birmingham at [cbirmingham@co.morris.nj.us](mailto:cbirmingham@co.morris.nj.us). This will confirm participation.

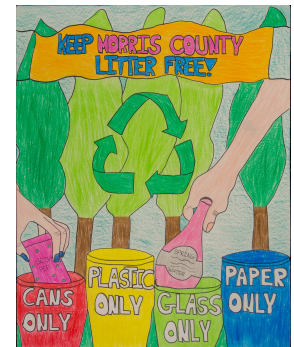
### Poster Contest:

- 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, 2024.
- 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 \$200.00 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:** required for replicating posters onto containers.
- 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** (mediums: paints, pastels, markers, crayons)
- 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!

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Signature of Project Advisor (teacher)

