2023-2024 Soil & Water Essay Contest
“The Living Soil”

Design your essay to represent what “The Living Soil” means to you!

**Essay:** A short composition dealing with a single subject from a personal point of view; facts may be interwoven into the essay, which stimulates thinking.

**Report:** A formal presentation of facts in a report style.

**Specifications—Essays must:**
- Bear the current title of the essay contest.
- Be limited to 300-500 words. All words will be counted to reach the limit.
- Be presented on standard 8 ½” x 11” paper.
- Be properly identified on the back using the following format.
  - Students Name  Grade:
  - Students Address/Parents’ Email, Phone
  - Teachers Name
  - School or Homeschool
  - County  District: Henderson

**Infractions** (-5 points each):
- Incorrect Length
- Current Title Not Used
- Incorrect Paper size (-2 points)

**Judging Criteria:**
- Conservation Message  50%
- Writing Style  20%
- Organization  20%
- Neatness  10%

**Hints:**
- Plan Ahead!
- Engage your reader with an interesting point of view.
- Proofread, proofread, proofread!

**RETURN YOUR ESSAY BY** February 14th, 2023. They can be returned anytime all fall!

**PRIZE PACKAGES** are available to County Winners! County Winners can move on to the Area and State levels for a chance to win even more prizes!
Fill out the following information on a blank page attached to your essay.

Students Name:_________________________
Students Address:_______________________
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Contact Email OR Phone: _________________
Grade:
School Name: __________________________
Teacher Name:__________________________

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