

International Day of Forests 2019 students' contest – terms and conditions

THE CONTEST

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 21 March as the “International Day of Forests” (IDF).

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), as a coordinating agency for the preparation and animation of this celebration (IDF) and chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, is organizing a contest for students (the “Contest”) as part of the celebrations of the 2019 International Day of Forests.

The Contest aims to raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests. The theme chosen for 2019 is **Forests and education**.

Participants are asked to send a short video that teaches others about the importance of forests and trees.

RULES

The Contest is open only to individuals (“Entrants”) aged 15 to 25. The age to declare is that at the time of entering the Contest. Entrants, who are considered to be minors under the national laws applicable to them, must have the written permission of their parents or legal guardians to participate in the Contest. FAO employees and their immediate family members (spouses, parents, children, siblings and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live) or persons living in the same households of such employees, whether or not related, are not eligible to enter the Contest. FAO will determine eligibility at its sole discretion.

Entrants can only submit to the Contest original works for which they are the sole creator and own the copyright. Entrants must have obtained all the necessary authorizations to use the video content for the purpose of the Contest. If the video contains images of a person or persons, Entrants must have obtained the permission of those persons for submission of their video to the Contest, as well as for the use of the video as described herein. FAO will not be responsible for any claim or complaints alleging violation of the rights of third parties. Entrants can submit up to three videos.

By entering the Contest, Entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual worldwide exclusive licence to FAO to reproduce, distribute, display and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit) in connection with the Contest and the promotion of FAO’s work, in:

- FAO corporate website: www.fao.org;
- Corporate videos or digital recordings to illustrate the work of the Organization;
- Printed FAO publications, brochures or posters;
- Social media channels, including the promotion of the Contest itself;
- Any other media used by FAO in its communications.

FAO will not pay any fees for, nor pay any costs relating to, the entry of the photograph(s) in the Contest or for their use as described above.

FAO reserves the right to verify the eligibility of any entry and/or Entrant (including an Entrant’s identity and address) and to disqualify any Entrant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these rules or who tampers with the entry process. FAO reserves as well the right to disqualify submissions that are not consistent with the Organization’s values and guiding principles.

By submitting entries to the Contest, Entrants agree that personal data, especially name and address, may be processed, shared and otherwise used for the purposes outlined in these rules. The data may also be used by FAO in order to verify the Entrant's identity, postal address and telephone number or to otherwise verify the Entrant's eligibility to participate in the Contest. FAO is not responsible for any entries not received due to internet or software failures.

Nothing in the rules for this Contest, nor any acts performed or statements made in relation to this Contest, shall be deemed (i) a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of FAO, (ii) the acceptance by FAO of the applicability of any single national law to FAO, and (iii) the acceptance by FAO of the jurisdiction of the courts of any country over disputes arising from this Contest.

PROCESS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The Contest opens at 12:00:00 Central European Time (CET) on 7 January 2019 and closes at 12:00:00 pm CET 28 February 2019. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.

After the deadline for submissions has expired, FAO will select, at its sole discretion, the top 30 videos received within the deadline and based on the following criteria: originality, relevance to the theme, artistic value and communication potential.

- The 30 selected videos will be submitted to a FAO Jury, which will select the winner, at its sole discretion.
- The winner will be notified by email using the contact details provided with the entry. In the event that any of the selected winners is ineligible, cannot be traced or does not respond within ten days to a winner notification as required by the Contest Rules above, or refuses the prize, the prize will be forfeited, and it will be in the sole discretion of the Jury to choose whether to award the prize to another eligible entry.

ACCEPTANCE

By submitting entries to the Contest, the Entrant confirms that the rules for this Contest, as set out above, have been read, understood and agreed to by the Entrant.

PRIZE

The prize for the outright winner will be a GoPro Action Camera.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FAO is an agency of the United Nations specializing in the sectors of food and agriculture, with the ultimate goal of eradicating hunger. There are a total of 194 member nations, one member organization (European Union) and two associate members (Faroe Islands and Tokelau) in the Organization, working together to achieve food security for all. FAO's mandate is to improve nutrition, increase agricultural productivity, raise the standard of living in rural populations and contribute to global economic growth.

In the context of this mandate, FAO produces communications and information materials that are used to raise awareness about key issues in food and agriculture and to achieve its goal of ending global hunger. FAO's communication materials are available in many languages and distributed worldwide entirely free of charge for non-commercial purposes. Examples of its materials can be found on FAO's website: www.fao.org.

Since 2012, FAO has observed IDF every year to create awareness about the importance of all types of forests. The FAO Forestry Department is responsible for coordinating the activities of IDF, and in this case, for managing the operational tasks related to the Contest.