



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
YOUTH POETRY CONTEST 2025



PLANT AMERICA FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

An Anthology of National
Winning Poems
Kindergarten - 12th Grade

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The Annual Youth Poetry contest is just one of a number of contests and programs provided for youth. **Learn more at: gardenclub.org/youth-and-scholarships.**

Youth Poetry Contest

NGC's annual youth poetry contest is designed to excite and encourage youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. The contest enables our youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing.

Youth in Kindergarten through 12th grade participated through a local garden club. Local clubs sent their winners to their State's contest. State winners were sent on to their Region contest. Region winners competed in the National contest. This booklet includes all of the national first place winners.

This year's theme was: **"Plant America for the Next 100 Years."**

National Scoring: Poems are judged by grade level. Each grade level can have (1) first place, (1) second place, and (1) third place. Honorable Mentions may also be awarded. Each grade level can also have ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and Special Needs winners.

Title (10 points), Content (40 points), Creativity (30 points), Style (20 points). Total 100 points.

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Child Privacy Note

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is committed to protecting the privacy of minors. Poets are listed only with their first name and last name initial, state and sponsoring local garden club.

Editing Note

Poems are published as submitted by the poet. Grammatical errors, and word spacing errors, etc. have not been corrected.



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
YOUTH POETRY 1ST PLACE WINNERS 2025



PLANT AMERICA FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

Kindergarten

- Joshua L., Germantown Garden Club, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region

Seventh Grade

- Ava W., Highland Heights Garden Club, Garden Club of Ohio, Inc., Central Atlantic Region
- ESOL: Evelyn C., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region

First Grade

- June P., Plattsmouth Garden Club, Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska, Inc., Rocky Mountain Region
- ESOL: Joanna A., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region
- SN: Kandence B., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region

Eighth Grade

- Jeannie D., Newton Garden Club, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., South Central Region
- ESOL: Jael D., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region

Second Grade

- Rory I., Hameho Garden Club, Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., New England Region
- ESOL: Jose G., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region
- SN: Waylon M., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region

Ninth Grade

- Salam F., A&M Garden Club, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., South Central Region
- ESOL: Victoria C., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region
- SN: Jacob D., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region

Third Grade

- Ruth L., Rose Garden Club, The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc., South Atlantic Region
- ESOL: Evelyn O., Briarcliff Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region
- SN: Kenzlea K., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region

Tenth Grade

- Damarcus F., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region
- ESOL: Jorge A., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region
- SN: Sawyer P., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region

Fourth Grade

- Amy C., A&M Garden Club, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., South Central Region
- ESOL: Abby A., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region
- SN: Abigail C., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region

Eleventh Grade

- Calley B., ARP Garden Club, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., South Central Region
- ESOL: Julian B., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region
- SN: Nolan S., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region

Fifth Grade

- Wilkes R., Germantown Garden Club, Tennessee Federated Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region
- ESOL: Jassmarie B., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region
- SN: Kaylea K., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region

Twelfth Grade

- Diana T., Morsemere Garden Club, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc., Central Atlantic Region
- ESOL: Olivia V., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region

Sixth Grade

- Alana E., Magnolia Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region
- ESOL: Marcelo G., Hobart Garden Club, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., Central Region
- SN: Jaxsyn W., Odum Garden Club, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., Deep South Region

ESOL = English for speakers of other languages
SN = Special needs



Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winner

Kindergarten

Kindergarten - Joshua L.
Germantown Garden Club
Tennessee

BEES AND MY GARDEN

Fruits, vegetables, bees
And cool things are in my garden.
I water plants every day and pick out weeds.
I have a scarecrow to scar away crows.
Come see my beautiful garden please.

Kindergarten Special Needs -
No Winner

Kindergarten ESOL -
No Winner





Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

First Grade

First Grade - June P.
Plattsmouth Garden Club
Nebraska

LAST FOREVER

The flowers, the trees
The bushes, the breeze
Plant them in the ground today.
Tommorrow they'll be on their way.

The flowers, the trees
The bushes, the breeze
Land and people share memories.
We help the plants last centuries.



First Grade Special Needs -
Kandence B., *Odum Garden Club*
Georgia

WE CAN SAVE THE WORLD

Roses are red and trees are green
You can save the world- so as me
We love the world
We love the garden
Let's save the world Let's get started.

First Grade ESOL - Joanna A.
Odum Garden Club
Georgia

GARDEN

Grow Seeds
A plant needs
Really brown soil
Dig with a hoe
Everyday needs sun
Needs Water



Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Second Grade

Second Grade - Rory I.
Hameho Garden Club
Rhode Island

Second Grade Special Needs -
Waylon M., Odum Garden Club
Georgia

WORKING HARD TO HELP OUR EARTH

We share the hard work,
Together we can show Earth we all care.
We will plant and
Soon flowers will blossom.
And then we can celebrate,
As Spring has arrived.
On we continue planting,
On with no breaks.
Finally, we look around delighted
By what we see,
Knowing we have made
A part of our community.

PLANTS CAN SAVE THE WORLD

Plants can save the world
Plants make the world beautiful
Trees give us oxygen
Trees give us food
Like apples, oranges, and cherries
Plants give us life (partly)
Plants give us food
Like cucumbers, carrots, and watermelon
Plants give animals homes
Like trees for birds and monkeys
The world would be catastrophic if there were
no plants
Plants help the environment
Plants are awesome

Second Grade ESOL - Jose G.
Odum Garden Club
Georgia

TREES

Trees grow
Really need them for apples
Everybody needs oxygen
Everybody needs fruits
So, we need to plant trees





Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Third Grade

Third Grade - Ruth L.
Rose Garden Club
South Carolina

Third Grade Special Needs - Kenzlea K.
Odum Garden Club
Georgia

A SEED

Plant a seed.
Look around.
And watch it grow.
Never doubt.
Trees will bloom.

And make a room for
Many birds, squirrels, bugs, and
Even Kids.
Really for kids?
Into trees, kids will
Climb and hide
And be amazed at what a seed can do.

Third Grade ESOL - Evelys O.
Briarcliff Garden Club
Georgia

PLANTS IN AMERICA

Plants grow and glow in the sun –
Trees are as free as us-
As we grow the world glows brighter-
The flowers bloom and make room-
The land is green
And we see what the earth is worth.
Let's keep growing for 100 years!

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

Planting is great for the environment
Love nature. It provides food, oxygen and more
A simple act of kindness can go so far
Needing food is an everyday action, so planting can help
To do list: planting vegetables, watering them and pulling
I love to plant a vegetable garden every year, so you try
Nature is a great way to expand the life of nature
Gardening is the way to make life grow, so try it





Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade - Amy C.
A&M Garden Club
Texas

Fourth Grade ESOL - Abby A.
Odum Garden Club
Georgia

A CENTURY OF FLOWERS

We plant the seeds
Plants reach and grow higher.
Then come the bees,
To find the food they desire.

Winter comes.
The seeds pop out.
But we do not fear,
We do not pout.

Spring comes again,
As it always does.
Year after Year.
Flowers grow, bees buzz.

Our plants become bigger,
Then wilt and die.
Yet over 100's of years,
Those bees still fly!



LOVELY HELPFUL FLOWERS

Flowers
Beautiful and Colorful
Help us live
Attract butterflies and bees
Make me happy
Without them, we would not have oxygen
No fresh air
No honey either
Lovely helpful flowers

Fourth Grade Special Needs -
Abigail C., Odum Garden Club
Georgia

FUTURE PLANTING

Planting provides food and oxygen for us.
Life needs plants,
Apples fall, apples grow. If they don't, then we need to try harder.
Trees grow tall, like we would, if we plant and eat fruits and vegetables.
In the future we need plants to survive so we need to start planting.
Nothing should stop us from planting now and in the future!
Greens take in pollution to give us oxygen, so we should plant them.



Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade - Wilkes R.
Germantown Garden Club
Tennessee

Fifth Grade Special Needs - Kylea K.
Odum Garden Club
Georgia

A HUNDRED YEARS OF HEART

The leaves are green
All plants should be seen
For Nature is old
And to keep it, we must be bold

Plant a sunflower
To keep alive nature's power
Plant a daisy
We must not be lazy

Plant so many trees
That 100 years from now
We can enjoy nature's beauties
Let's all take a vow

To serve and protect nature's sanctuary,
We should all do our part
A hundred years will go by in a hurry
And I commit to give my whole heart

BEAUTIFUL FUTURE

Beautiful, Oxygenating plants
Every blade of grass is another piece of hope
Apples, cherries, strawberries
Underneath the beautiful sky, we see beautiful plants
The earth needs us to thrive
It only takes us one tree at a time; just use your hands
Flowers make our world beautiful
Umbrella magnolias, roses and hibiscus – red , white
and blue
Living through war, our beautiful trees
Flowers blooming even when it's over 100 degrees
Under the bright sun, everyday heroes plant trees and
flowers
The world can be saved by the next 100 years
Up and away the bees pollinate
Roses, daisies, hydrangeas – red white and blue
Every day we plant trees, but so can you !

Fifth Grade ESOL - Jassmarie B.
Odum Garden Club
Georgia

PLANTS ARE HELPFUL FOR US

I plant vegetables in my garden
Tomatoes, cucumbers, and carrots
I plant so we can make food
If I didn't plant
We wouldn't be able to eat
It's important to plant because
Plants give us food to eat
Also, plants, like trees, give us shade
Shade keeps me cool
And, plants' underground roots keep soil together
If we didn't have them
The soil would blow away
Plants are helpful for us





Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Sixth Grade

Sixth Grade - Alana E.
Magnolia Garden Club
Georgia

PLANT A TREE, PLANT A DREAM

Dig a little hole in the warm brown ground
Drop in a seed without a sound
Cover it gently and give it some care
A tiny green shoot will soon rise there

Water it daily, let sunshine gleam
Watch it grow like a hopeful dream
With roots below and leaves above
It gives us shade, peace and love

It cleans the air , it cools the heat
It gives us fruits that are so fresh and sweat
Birds make homes where branches sway
And children laugh and have fun all day

So plant a tree both young and old
It's worth much more than green or gold
For every tree we choose to sow
A greener, kinder world will grow

For every year build a tree
Next thing you know
100 years it will be



Sixth Grade Special Needs -
Jaxson W., *Odum Garden Club*
Georgia

LIFE WITH NATURE

Life in nature has a beautiful sound,
You won't even imagine the beauty that is
around.
You hear the bees buzz and trees sway,
Just watch as all the nature around you has
its own way.
Feeling the slight breeze of the wind,
It feels like a long-lost friend.
Nature doesn't always stay,
We must preserve it every day.

Sixth Grade ESOL - Marcelo G.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

TO PLANT THE FUTURE

My hands will touch the soils.
What it feels like memory is to
Plants, Flowers, trees etc.
For another 100 years,
We can break forgotten abandoned houses
And plants under abandoned houses.
I plant not just seeds,
But flowers, trees, fruits, and vegetables.
That world will breath with
Tomatoes, cactus, papaya, etc.



Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Seventh Grade

Seventh Grade - Ava W.
Highland Heights Garden Club
Ohio

MY APPLE ORCHARD

Plant a seed,
Pack the soil,
Lots and lots of work and toil,
Turn the soil with a hoe,
And slowly something starts to grow,
Ruby red and sweet as sun,
Take a bite, yum, yum yum,
Remove the seeds,
And grow into another tree.
1, then 2, then 3, then four.
Slowly, slowly, up grow more!
One by one, they start to appear,
Over the next 100 years.

Hunched and gnarled,
I walk outside,
And watch children run,
As my heart fills with pride.
I made this, this was me,
Me and my wonderful apple trees.

Seventh Grade Special Needs -
No Winner

Seventh Grade ESOL - Evelyn C.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

WHAT'S IMPORTANT

the plants and trees are important to
All the people.
Some people plant apples
They sell tomatoes, lemons, carrots, lettuce,
chili peppers,
And peaches for money.
My grandmother has a garden.
I like to help her remove the weeds
And the branches that grow there.
I help her plant the plants she has and the
flowers.
I like helping her water the plants because
it connects me
With nature, and I like it when people help
the planet.
Let's help the planet by avoiding polluting
the planet for the
Sake of the environment.
Help our planet stay clean,
Because natural resources are being
depleted,
We are causing forest disasters, and we are
losing
Many trees from our tropical forests.





Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Eighth Grade

Eighth Grade - Jeannie D.
Newton Garden Club
Texas

THE SOIL OF FREEDOM

In the quiet cradle of a child's pure mind
Curiosity lingers for truth definded.
We sow the values that time will carry on;
These ethics we plant now willmake a new
dawn.

We must pull the sinful weeds of falsehood
out,
For all they will bring is underlying doubt.
The beautiful truth of flowers they will kill-
The truth that travels far beyond humans'
will.

Flowers thrive with water of education,
Truth must be taught now without
hesitation.
Lies must be fought until truth stands
without end.
Our voices ring until deceit must descend.

In young minds we plant seeds for a grand,
new land;
With young mids we plant seed for a
grand, new land;
Through teaching hearts and watering
without fear,
We tend the soil of freedom, for the next
hundred years.

Eighth Grade ESOL - Jael D.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

BEFORE THE WORLD FADED

I planted a tiny seed.
It feels so small, but it will grow,
Into a tree so strong and tall
To give love to everyone.
The rain will fall, the sun will smile.
It will take time, but it will be fine.
Even when the wind is cold and gray,
The seed will find a way.
I dreamed of all flowers that grew here
And the trees who stood year after year.
I miss the world we grew up with.
The world is fading piece by piece.
But maybe one tiny seed,
Can help it breathe again.

Eighth Grade Special Needs
No Winner





Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Ninth Grade

Ninth Grade - Salam F.
A&M Garden Club
Texas

THE INHERITANCE OF LEAVES AND LIGHT

With Trees steadfast and ever strong
Turn crimson in the bitter fall
And lose thier leaves in winter long

Leveled down to now make way
For factory or railroad track
Bright sapling to gloom and gray
And flowers bright then shrivel black

Every seed planted fufills a dream
That black and grey revert to green
Polluted waters to fresh stream
Untill smoggy air is crisp and clean

America's land lies dry and bare
So the time has come to then revive
Our lovely forests, deep and fair
For centuries to stay alive.



Ninth Grade ESOL - Victoria C.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

THE SEEDS WE SOW

Plant not just trees, but hearts that care.
Hands that heal the earth we share.
From mountain peaks to ocean's rim,
Let every sprout sing freedom's hymn.

Ninth Grade Special Needs - Jacob D.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

KEEPING EARTH GREEN

Protect native habitats for future parties.
Landscape America back to its naturally wild splendor.

Afforestation efforts to rebuild natural woodlands and forests.

Nurture biodiversity in every town, city, and country possible.

Trees planted wisely to provide the necessary oxygen levels,

Invest in scientific research to adapt to climate change.

Networks of gardens linked to diverse communities,

Grow green spaces in every town and city.



Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Tenth Grade

Tenth Grade - Damarcus F.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

PLANTING FOR TOMORROW

I see dry land where trees should grow,
Empty lots where flowers could show.
The world keeps changing every year,
But we need green to keep it clear.
So let's plant seeds, both big and small
Not just for now, but for us all.

My grandpa said he once could fish
In creeks so clean like a dream or wish.
Now garbage floats where trout once swam,
And trees get cut down just for glam.
We need to care, we need to act.
And bring the nature balance back.

Gardens growing where roads were laid.
Kids will play beneath the trees,
Breathing fresh air, feeling the breeze.
The things we plant today will grow
More than we'll ever get to know.

It ain't just plants, its what they mean
A future that's alive and green.
Less smoke, more bees, and veggies too,
A better world starts with what we do.
We dig, we water, we give it light
To plant America just right.



Tenth Grade Special Needs - Sawyer P.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

THE ROOTS WE GROW ON

Gardens give us food to eat,
All around, the bees will buzz.
Roots grow strong beneath our feet,
Determining America's fate.
Each small seed we plant today reminds us that nature
leads the way,
Nurtured by our love and lite.
Insects hum an annoying buzz.
Nature's rhythm dances under the sky.
Gardening is love you grow by hand.

Tenth Grade ESOL - Jorge A.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

ROOTS WE HAVEN'T MET YET

I plant a seed in broken ground,
Hoping it hears my hearts, soft sound.
The future waits beneath the dirt,
New life rising from all our hurt.
I dream of forests not yet grown,
Branches stronger than our own,
Shade that falls on kids someday
Who'll will ever know we cleared the way.
Let rivers shine where trash once lay.
Let skies turn blue instead of gray.
Let every seed we place with care,
Be proof we chose to stay aware.
Two centuries from where we stand,
May flowers bloom across this land.
A gift for hearts we haven't met,
Their hopes and soils we left unspent.



Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Eleventh Grade

Eleventh Grade - Calley B.
ARP Garden Club
Texas

Eleventh Grade ESOL - Julian B.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

GROW THE FUTURE

Sow the seeds, beneath the land,
With steadfast heart, and working hands.
It won't bloom fast, It takes some time,
Like roots that dig, and slowly climb.
One hundred years, a patient start,
Each tree we grow, a work of art.
Through storms and sun.
Through winds that blow.
We shape a world, we'll never know.
Not just for now but those ahead,
A future fed, by seeds we spread.
So plant with love, and plant with grace,
Together we create, a better place.

Eleventh Grade Special Needs -
Nolan S., *Hobart Garden Club*
Indiana

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

Planting hope today,
Roots reach deep for centuries –
Green tomorrow grows.

CROSS-CULTURAL GARDENING

Plant America: Raices del Futuro
In Mexico, beneath the sun's bright flame,
Our roots and crops have built our name.
Corn, maize, the heart of our land,
Grows with care by every hand.
We grind it fine to make tortillas warm,
A daily meal, a family's charm.
Limes and oranges sweet and round,
Grow on trees where life is found.
Plant America means to grow and give,
To help the planet breathe and live.
From Mexican soil to U.S. plains,
The spirit of planting still remains.
For the next hundred years, we'll sow,
Teaching others how crops can grow.
With love, respect, and earth in mind,
Our cultures and futures intertwined.





Youth Poetry Contest

National First Place Winners

Twelfth Grade

Twelfth Grade - Diana T.
Morsemere Garden Club
New York

CONNECTION BETWEEN PINE TREES AND PEOPLE

Pine trees stand in quiet lines,
watching years drift through the air.
They never rush or run away,
just stay strong standing there.
People move at quicker speeds,
our thoughts a tangled, moving crowd.
We worry, change, and fall apart,
while pines stay calm and proud.
Yet when we stand beside a pine,
we feel at peace we can't explain.
Its steady roots remind us how
to stay grounded through the rain.
So maybe that's our hidden tie
the reason we feel whole and true.
Pine trees grow through everything,
and people try to do that too.



Twelfth Grade ESOL - Olivia V.
Hobart Garden Club
Indiana

MY DREAM FOR TOMORROW

Plant America, strong and true,
Let Hope take root in all we do.
The seeds we sow today will show,
Roots of freedom, Leaves of care
Roots of tomorrow.
I press my hands into the waiting earth
Cool and soft, like morning rain.
The soil smells like stories old and new,
A whisper of life beneath my skin.
I plant a seed and picture time,
Branches stretching toward tomorrow's
sky.
Birds will sing where silence stands,
And shade will fall where the sun once
burned.
Each leaf a promise, green and clear,
That we still believe in growing.
If we plant hope, not just trees,
Kindness will bloom like spring again.
The wind will hum a song of care,
The rivers will remember our names.
And when the next two centuries pass,
May our roots still hold this land together.

Twelfth Grade Special Needs
No Winner



Youth Poetry Contest

National Second Place Winners

K-12

Kindergarten: Willa K., Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska
1st Grade: Holden F., Odum Garden Club, Georgia
2nd Grade: Lynden M., Fred Brooks Garden Club, West Virginia
3rd Grade: Bobby B., Screven County Garden Club, Georgia
4th Grade: Charlotte E., Puketos Garden Club, Pennsylvania
5th Grade: Anwen W., Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska
6th Grade: Kalen S., Brentwood Garden Club, Missouri
7th Grade: Amelia T., Camellia Garden Club, Georgia
8th Grade: Elizabeth I., Highland Heights Garden Club, Ohio
9th Grade: No winner
10th Grade: Adam G., Danbury Garden Club, Connecticut
11th Grade: No winner
12th Grade: Marissa V., Arp Garden Club, Texas





Youth Poetry Contest

National Third Place Winners

K-12

- Kindergarten: Waylon B., Ingomar Garden Club, Pennsylvania
1st Grade: Lola D., Emma Scott Garden Club, West Virginia
2nd Grade: Charlotte J., Paris Garden Club, Tennessee
3rd Grade: Everly S., Ingomar Garden Club, Pennsylvania
4th Grade: Luke B., Garden Club of Aiken, South Carolina
5th Grade: Genesis M., Framingham Garden Club, Massachusetts
6th Grade: Carter B., Arp Garden Club, Texas
7th Grade: Vivian V., Barrington Garden Club, Rhode Island
8th Grade: Amelie C., Desert Gardeners, Nevada
9th Grade: No winner
10th Grade: Jessah S., Newton Garden Club, Texas
11th Grade: No winner
12th Grade: Joselin T., Luther Burbank Garden Club, New York





Youth Poetry Contest

National Honorable Mentions

K-12

Kindergarten: Asher C., San Saba Garden Club, Texas

1st Grade: Alex V., San Saba Garden Club, Texas

Amari D., Puketos Garden Club, Pennsylvania

Rosie C., Brentwood Garden Club, Missouri

2nd Grade: Anne C., Woodmoor Garden Club, Maryland

3rd Grade: Lynleigh M., Arp Garden Club, Texas

Maxwell C., Conejo Garden Club, California

Annette B., North Haven Garden Club, Connecticut

Evelyn W., Neighborhood Garden Club, Utah

Lucy W., Mudlarks Garden Club, Indiana

4th Grade: Fiona B., North Reading Garden Club, Massachusetts

Salvador M., Pompano Beach Garden Club, Florida

Lilly H., Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska

Mason C., Brentwood Garden Club, Missouri

5th Grade: Brandie W., Fred Brooks Garden Club, West Virginia

Aylssa C., Arp Garden Club, Texas

Riley E., Ingomar Garden Club, Pennsylvania

Piper R., Lake Bloomers Garden Club, Missouri

6th Grade: Addyson C., Highland Heights Garden Club, Ohio

Stevie D., Westport Garden Club, Connecticut

Aubree K., Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska

7th Grade: Madison D., Newton Garden Club, Texas

Gabriel C., Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska

Marshall K., Gateway Garden Club, West Virginia

Jiya K., Mudlarks Garden Club, Indiana

8th Grade: Ashlyn P., Danbury Garden Club, Connecticut

Asher S., Plattsmouth Garden Club, Nebraska

Hazel K., Mudlarks Garden Club, Indiana

9th Grade: No Honorable Mentions

10th Grade: Roman T., Gates Mills Garden Club, Ohio

11th Grade: No Honorable Mentions

12th Grade: No Honorable Mentions



