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Delinquency Prevention

National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

The National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest is a nationwide contest designed to promote awareness among teachers, parents/guardians and children and engage them in discussions about safety.

Important information about this contest, including the application and consent and release form, can be found within this packet.

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, we thank you for participating in this contest and look forward to seeing your creativity shine through your artwork!

Questions about the poster contest? [Contact the State Contest Manager](#) in your state!

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2019 National Missing Children's Day

Poster Contest Fact Sheet

Contest Rules

1. Applicants must be in the fifth grade.
2. Artwork should reflect the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home". This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.
3. The theme may be depicted in the student's artwork through one or a combination of illustrations (e.g., signs and symbols, people, abstract, industry, wildlife) and can be created using media such as acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, and pastels. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping will not be eligible for consideration.
4. The finished poster must measure $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ inches.
5. The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist, either typed or written legibly.

Judging Criteria

1. Complete contest rules must be followed at all levels of the competition. Incomplete packages and incorrectly sized posters will not be eligible for judging.
2. Artwork will be judged on:
 - a. Creativity
 - b. Reflection of the contest theme
 - c. Originality in design
3. Written applications will be judged on:
 - a. Comprehension of the theme
 - b. Clarity
 - c. Grammar and syntax appropriate to the fifth grade level



- c. Will be presented as the national symbol for the 2020 Missing Children's Day ceremony and associated activities.
- d. Photos of the winner and his/her poster will be available through U.S. DOJ and may be posted wherever contest information is available.

Contest Timeline

1. September 2018
 - a. Poster contest begins
2. February 2019
 - a. Submission deadline. *Please contact your State Contest Manager to obtain the deadline for your state.*
3. April 2019
 - a. National winner will be notified.
 - b. Travel arrangements are initiated for attendance at the 2019 National Missing Children's Day ceremony.

Questions? Contact the State Contest Manager in your state.



Please tell us about your poster and why you created it: (100 words or less)

Artist's Biography. Tell us a little bit about yourself! (100 words or less)



Attention 5th Graders



We welcome your participation in the U.S. Department of Justice's National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. You, your parents/guardians, and teacher could win a trip to Washington, D.C.!

Contest Rules

Students must create a poster that demonstrates the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home".

1. The finished poster must be 8 ½ x 14 inches.
2. The theme, "Bringing Our Missing Children Home", must appear somewhere on the poster.
3. Posters must be created by hand. Posters with printed images, collages, and stamping are not eligible.
4. Posters should be original in design. Be creative! Use acrylics, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, pastels, etc.
5. To view previous artwork, visit the Featured Resources section on <https://www.ncjtc.fvtc.edu/mcd>
6. The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist.

Posters must be submitted to your State Contest Manager for local judging by the submission deadline.



**2018 Winner: Eden Hoffmann
Clinton Twp, MI**

"Several elements are shown on my poster. The main focus are the figures in the middle. This symbolizes a family that has found their missing child. The heart behind them shows the bond between the family. Numerous children, not only in our country but throughout the world, go missing. I made the colors on the words intersect to express hope, joy, and love. I wanted the word "MISSING" to stand out so it would catch people's attention. The beam of light surrounding the world portrays law enforcement and volunteers working to find missing children."



Contact the National Poster Contest Manager at gilkinso@fvtc.edu to find out how to contact your state manager

