



Bring Our Missing Children Home

2018 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest Fact Sheet for State Managers

Contest Rules

1. Applicants must be in the fifth grade.
2. Artwork should reflect the theme "**Bring 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 written legibly or typed.

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

Competition Procedures

1. Receive contest information via email from Deana Gilkinson (gilkinso@fvtc.edu), National Poster Contest Manager.
2. Establish your local process for selecting a winner. The process used to determine the winner of local competitions will be the responsibility of the local entities.

Include local nonprofit organizations and other child-based groups in the local judging process. The competition may be conducted within schools (including home schools), school districts, local governing bodies, PTAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, after school programs and similar groups.

3. Submit the single winning poster to the National Poster Contest Manager, after the statewide judging.

The winning poster from your state must be received by mail to the Missing and Exploited Children's Training and Technical Assistance Program by February 21, 2018 at the following address:

Deana Gilkinson
Project Specialist
National Criminal Justice Training Center of FVTC
10 West Edge Drive, Suite 106
Durham, NH 03824

4. Please email Deana (gilkinso@fvtc.edu) a list of organizations, including the address, and the number of children who participated in the statewide poster competition.

Awards

At the state level

1. Each state winner, whose poster is selected to go to the national judging competition, will receive a national award certificate from the U.S. Department of Justice.
2. State managers are responsible for facilitating all statewide events, activities, and awards for participating children.

At the national level

1. The national winner, his/her teacher and parents/guardians, and the state manager will be invited to Washington, D.C., to participate in the U.S. Department of Justice's National Missing Children's Day ceremony on May 23, 2018. Transportation and lodging will be provided. The national winner will also receive a national award certificate, a United States Savings Bond, and a professional print of their poster.

Contest Timeline

1. November 2017
 - a. Provide poster contest information to fifth grade children.
 - b. As part of the information you distribute to state organizations, please provide the *Poster Contest Discussion Guide* to the point of contact at each organization. This guide is intended to assist the facilitator in discussing child safety and the meaning of *Missing Children's Day*.
2. January 31, 2018
 - a. Deadline for submissions from participating organizations to be received by state managers.
3. February 21, 2018
 - a. Deadline for the state winning contest package (winning poster, list of participating organizations and total number of participants) to be received by the National Contest Manager for national judging by the U.S. Department of Justice.
4. April 2018
 - a. National winner notified.
 - b. Travel arrangements are initiated for attendance at the 2018 National Missing Children's Day ceremony.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Deana Gilkinson, National Contest Manager, at gilkinso@fvtc.edu or 603-862-5256.



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