



2018 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 **"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. Contact your State Contest Manager to confirm your participation in the contest and to obtain the submission deadline for your state.
2. Submit your poster, completed application and signed consent and release form to your State Contest Manager.

Awards

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 (DOJ).

State managers are responsible for facilitating all statewide events, activities, and awards for participating children.

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. DOJ's National Missing Children's Day ceremony on May 23, 2018.
2. Transportation and lodging will be provided.
3. The national winner will also receive a national award certificate and a professional print of their poster.

Winning Poster

The national winning poster:

- a. Becomes the property of U.S. DOJ and will be displayed at DOJ, congressional offices, and other locations as determined by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Any applicable copyrights will be held by those offices.
- b. May be used in publications, exhibits, displays and on websites, as determined by OJJDP and U.S. DOJ.



- c. Will be presented as the national symbol for the 2019 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. November/December 2017
 - a. Poster contest begins
2. January 2018
 - a. Submission deadline. Please contact your State Contest Manager to obtain the deadline for your state.
3. April 2018
 - a. National winner will be notified.
 - b. Travel arrangements are initiated for attendance at the 2018 National Missing Children's Day ceremony.

Questions? Contact the State Contest Manager in your state.