



2018 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest Fact Sheet

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 including the application consent and release forms, can be found by visiting the Virginia State Police Website at www.virginiatrooper.org.

CONTEST RULES

1. All applicants must be in the fifth grade
2. Artwork must reflect the theme "Bring Our Missing Children Home". This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.
3. The finished poster must measure 8 ½ X 14 inches.
4. All posters become the property of the Virginia Missing Children Clearinghouse and Winning posters become the property of U.S. DOJ.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. All posters must be received by the Virginia Missing Children Clearinghouse by 4 pm on January 22, 2017. Posters and applicants must be mailed to:

Virginia State Police
Attn: VMCC
P.O. Box 27472
Richmond, VA 23261

AWARDS

STATE LEVEL

1. State Participants will receive a certificate.
2. State Winner will receive a prize and visit by VMCC for an awards presentation.
3. 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).

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.

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.

FOR QUESTIONS

For questions, contact VMCC at vamissing@vsp.virginia.gov

or Sergeant Mike Pantle at mike.pantle@vsp.virginia.gov



Release and consent

I hereby grant permission to use and reproduce the picture of my child, _____, and use my name in Virginia Missing Children Clearinghouse, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention related publications, news features, blogs, or other advertisements relating to the 2018 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. I also grant permission for my child to participate in any interviews with the media relating to this event. I understand that any written statements may be edited or used, in whole or in part, or adapted with other materials and I hereby waive all rights of privacy, compensation, control or royalties that I may have.

I have read this document before signing below and warrant that I fully understand its contents.

**Name of Parent/Guardian
(Please Print)**

Signature

Address

Date

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

