



2011 Poster Contest Fact Sheet for Educators

Contest Rules:

1. Applicant must be in the 5th grade.
2. Artwork should reflect the theme “Bring Our Missing Children Home.” This phrase *must* appear somewhere on the poster.
3. The theme must be depicted visually in one or a combination of mediums, such as: acrylics, watercolor, pencil, and charcoal, magic marker, spray paint, crayons, pastels, etc. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs and stamping *will not* be eligible for consideration.
4. The finished poster must measure 8 ½ x 14 inches. (**Note: This is a change in previous contest guidelines.**)
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 legibly written or typed.

Competition Procedures:

- **Retrieve contest information** on: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/postercontest>.
- **Contact your state contest manager.** You may find this information online at: <http://www.mcc.ag.state.oh.us>

Awards:

At the state level:

- The single state winner will be selected by the state contest manager. Please contact your state contest manager for details regarding your state’s selection process. You may find this information online at: <http://www.mcc.ag.state.oh.us/>.

At the national level:

- The single **national** winner, his/her teacher, and his/her parents will be brought to Washington, DC to participate in the National Missing Children’s Day ceremony at the U.S. Department of Justice on or around May 25, 2011. Transportation and lodging will be provided. The national winner also will receive a national award certificate and a United States Savings Bond.

Winning Poster:

1. The winning poster (original and copies) becomes the property of the Department of Justice and will be displayed at the Department of Justice, Congressional Offices, and other locations as determined by the Child Protection Division and the Department of Justice. Any applicable copyrights will be held by those offices.

2. The winning poster may be used in publications, exhibits, displays and on websites as determined by the Child Protection Division and the Department of Justice.
3. The winner will travel for a second time to Washington, DC in 2012 when his/her poster will be presented as the national symbol for Missing Children's Day 2012.
4. Photos of the winner and his/her poster will also be available through the Child Protection Division and the Department of Justice and will be posted wherever contest information is available.

Contest Dates:

1. **August, 2010** – Contest Kick-Off
 - a. Begin discussing safety issues with students
 - b. Provide poster contest information to 5th grade students
2. **January 13, 2011**
 - a. Suggested conclusion date for Local, Regional, and State competitions
 - b. Please send your winning poster to:
Vicki Germann
Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse
150 E. Gay Street, 25th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
3. **April, 2011**
 - a. National winner notified
 - b. Travel arrangements are initiated for attendance at National Missing Children's Day ceremony

If you have any questions or need additional information, please send an email to vicki.germann@ohioattorneygeneral.gov. Packet information can be found on <http://www.mcc.ag.state.oh.us> or <http://www.ohioamberplan.org/press.aspx>