

2010 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest Fact Sheet

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. (Please refer to samples of winning posters from prior years that are attached to this fact sheet. Please note, however, that prior years had different themes).
3. The theme must be depicted visually in one or a combination of mediums, such as: acrylics, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, pastels, etc.
4. The finished poster must measure 11 x 14 inches.
5. The poster must be submitted with a completed application (sample attached), which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist (neither to exceed 100 words) either legibly written or typed.
6. Teachers can take this opportunity to educate children about child safety issues. In 2005, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, in collaboration with Honeywell, launched the Got 2B Safe! Contest. Teachers were invited to submit brief lesson plans emphasizing Got 2B Safe's rules for personal safety. Information about this competition, along with lesson plans created by teachers themselves, can be found on the following web site: www.got2bsafe.com.

Judging Criteria:

1. Complete contest rules must be followed for all levels of competition. Incomplete packages and incorrect sized posters **will not** be eligible for further consideration.
2. Artwork will be judged on:
 - a) Originality of design
 - b) Reflection of the contest theme
 - c) Use of color and materials
3. Written applications will be judged on:
 - a) Level of understanding of the subject expressed
 - b) Clarity
 - c) Grammar and syntax appropriate to the 5th grade level

Submission:

The 11X14 poster with completed application must be mailed by March 6, 2009 to:

Rhode Island State Police
C/o Mr. Steven Loynds
311 Danielson Pike
North Scituate, RI 02857

Questions about the contest can be directed to Mr. Steven Loynds of the Missing and Exploited Children Unit. He can be reached at (401) 444-1125.