

Attention 5th Graders

We welcome your participation in the 2021
Missouri Department of Public Safety's
National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

**You, your parents/guardians, and teacher
could win a trip to Washington, D.C.!**

Contest Rules

Students must create a poster that demonstrates the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home".

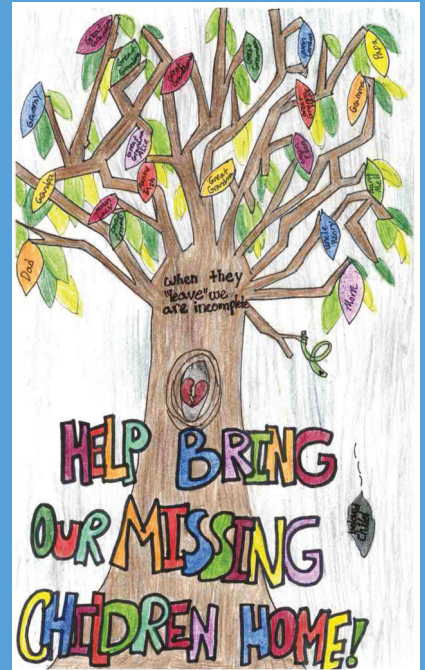
1. The finished poster must be 8 ½ x 14 inches.
2. The slogan "Bringing Our Missing Children Home" must appear somewhere on the poster.
3. Posters must be created by hand. Posters with printed images, collages, and stamping are not eligible.
4. Posters should be original in design. Be creative! Use acrylics, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, pastels, and etc.

To view previous artwork, visit the Featured Resources section on:

<http://www.ncjtc.fvvc.edu/mcd>

5. The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist. (Provided later in this attachment)

Posters must be submitted to your state contest manager for local judging by the submissions deadline.



"I created this poster to raise awareness about the missing children in our country and the families who grieve them. The theme, "Bringing Our Missing Children Home" is shown through the image of a mighty oak tree which includes a family tree within its leaves. Each leaf has the name of a relative on it and the leaf in grey that has fallen represents the missing child. The broken heart in the center of the hollow represents the broken hearts of the families missing their child. The tree will never be whole until the missing child is home."

**Elliana C. | Oregon
2020 Poster Contest Winner**

Posters must be submitted to local state contest manager, Connie Berhost, the MO Department of Public Safety, PO Box 749, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by February 5, 2021.



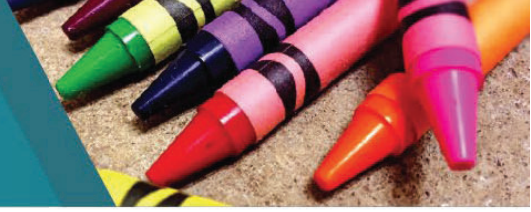


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The Missouri Department of Public Safety 2021 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

Poster Contest Fact Sheet

Contest Rules

1. Applicants must be in the fifth grade.
2. Artwork should reflect the theme **"Bringing 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 **8½ x 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 typed or written legibly.

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 Rhonda Wilson with any questions at 573-526-1464.
2. Submit your poster, completed application and signed consent and release form by the deadline of February 5, 2021 to **Missouri Department Public Safety, Attn: Connie Berhorst, PO Box 749, Jefferson City, MO 65102.**

Awards

State Level

The winner of the Missouri State poster contest will be notified and their poster will be submitted to the national judging competition. In addition, the state winner will receive a national award certificate from the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

National Level

1. The national winner, his/her teacher (or designee from selected school) and parents/guardians (typically two people), and the state manager will be invited to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 38th Annual National Missing Children's Day Ceremony on **May 19, 2021.**
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:

1. Becomes the property of U.S. DOJ and will be displayed at the 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.
2. May be used in publications, exhibits, displays and on websites, as determined by OJJDP and U.S. Department of Justice.
3. Will be presented as the national symbol of the 2021 Missing Children's Day ceremony and associated activities.

Contest Timeline

1. February 5, 2021, Missouri submission deadline!
2. February 26, 2021, Missouri winner notified!



Poster Contest Application

Thank you for participating in the 38th Annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest! Please be sure to complete this application and ask your parent/guardian to complete the consent and release form before submitting your poster to your State Contest Manager. Posters that are submitted without an application and consent and release form included will not be considered for the contest.

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

School Phone: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Educator's Name: _____

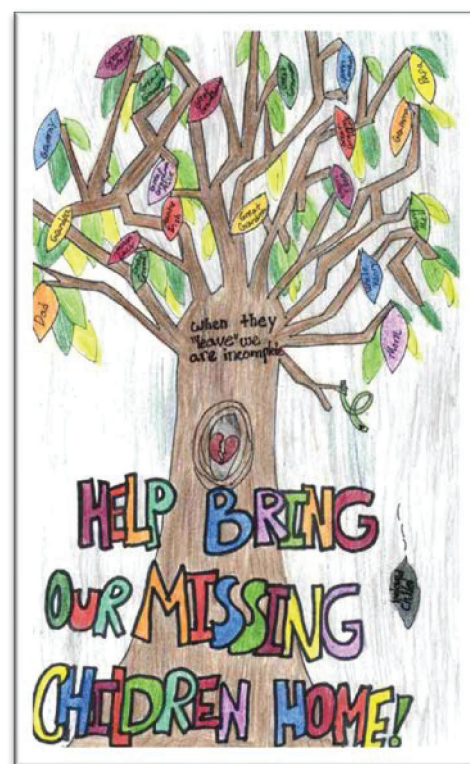
Educator's Email: _____

Salutation (circle one): Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Email: _____

Salutation (circle one): Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.



37th Annual Missing Children's
Day Poster Contest Winner
Elliana C. | Oregon



Please tell us about your poster and why you created it: *(100 words or less)*

Artist's Biography. Tell us a little bit about yourself! *(100 words or less)*



Parent/Guardian Release and Consent Form

I hereby grant permission to use and reproduce the picture of my child, _____, and use my child's name in U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention related publications, news features, blogs, or other advertisements relating to the 38th Annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. I also grant permission for my child to participate in any interviews with 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



Missing Children's Day Discussion Guide

Below is a guide intended for a facilitator (i.e. teacher, parent) to reference as a discussion starter with students. We hope this discussion will make the subject less scary, and provide students with an understanding of the poster contest topic to help generate ideas for their artwork.

What is Missing Children's Day?

- An annual ceremony to recognize the amazing people who helped to protect children.
- These people include law enforcement officers, social workers, prosecutors and everyday people (i.e. teachers, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, neighbors).
- The theme is "Bringing Our Missing Children Home".
 - There are people in this world that do bad things and break the law.
 - This is why we have police and judges.
 - Sometimes these people do bad things to kids, like take them away from their families.
 - Police can help by searching and helping to return these children to their home.

Questions for Students

- Have you or anyone you love ever been lost before?
- How did you feel?
- Did anyone help you or your loved one home?
- Who found you or your loved one?
- How do you think your family felt?

Provide Guidance for Students

- When you draw your art, think about:
 - How you felt when you were lost.
 - Who helped you?
 - How your family felt when you were lost?