

# ATTENTION 5TH-GRADE STUDENTS!

We welcome your participation in the  
U.S. Department of Justice's 42nd National Missing  
Children's Day Poster Contest

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

## CONTEST RULES:

1. Students must create a poster that demonstrates the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home."
2. The finished poster paper size **must be 8.5 x 14 inches.**
3. The **exact slogan, "Bringing Our Missing Children Home,"** must appear somewhere on the poster.
4. Posters must be created by hand and by one individual student.
5. Posters with printed images, collages, and stamping are not eligible.
6. The poster **must be submitted with a completed application,** which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist.
7. Entries **must be postmarked by Feb. 6, 2025,** and mailed to:

*New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services  
Missing Persons Clearinghouse  
80 South Swan St., Albany, N.Y. 12210*



*Xiao Qi Chloe Yu | Brooklyn, N.Y.  
2024 New York State  
Poster Contest Winner*

## Judging Criteria

1. Contest rules must be followed for the submission to qualify for judging.
2. Submissions must contain a completed consent form and application to be eligible for judging.
3. Artwork will be judged on:
  - a. Creativity
  - b. Reflection of the contest theme
  - c. Originality in design
4. Written applications will be judged on:
  - a. Comprehension of the theme
  - b. Clarity, grammar, and syntax appropriate to the fifth-grade level

## Awards - State Level

- New York State will award Amazon gift cards to 1st Place (\$100), 2nd Place (\$75) and 3rd Place (\$50) winners, who will be notified after judging occurs in February 2025.
- New York State's 1st Place poster will be entered in the national contest.
- All state winners, their teachers, and parents/guardians will be invited to attend an award ceremony at the Empire State Plaza in Albany in May 2025.
- All qualifying entries will be displayed at the Empire State Plaza Concourse during the week of Missing Children's Day (Sunday, May 25, 2025) and may be used in state publications, exhibits and displays and on websites.

## Awards - Federal Level

- The national winner will be notified in April 2025.
- Each state's winner will receive a national award certificate from the federal Justice Department, a U.S. Savings Bond, and a professional poster print.
- The national winner, their teacher, and parents/guardians will be invited to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Missing Children's Day ceremony in May 2025. Transportation and lodging will be provided.
- The winning poster will be displayed at the Justice Department, congressional offices, and other locations, as determined by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Any applicable copyrights will be held by those offices.
- Posters may be used in publications, exhibits, displays and on websites, as determined by the Justice Department and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.



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