

Attention 5th Graders

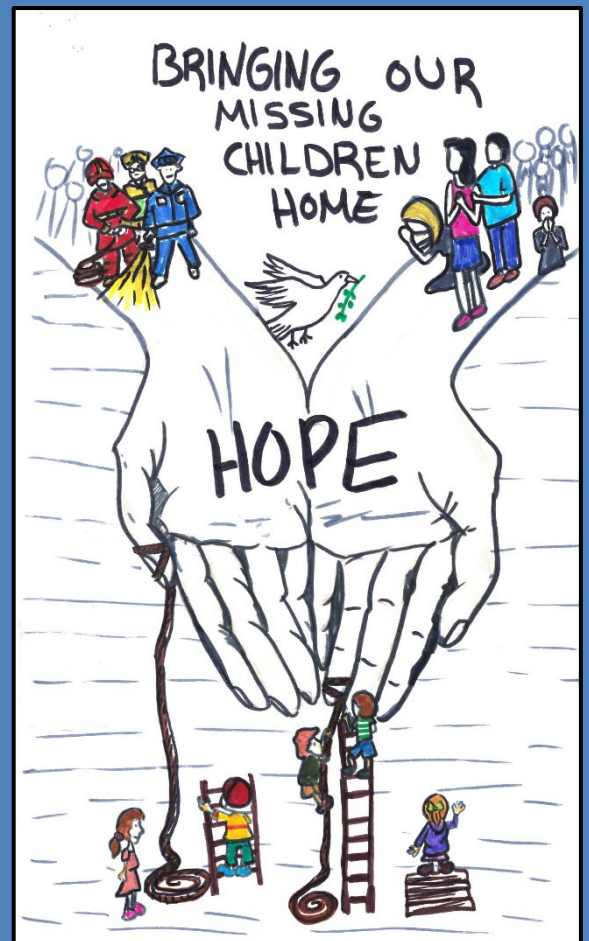
We welcome your participation in the
U.S. Department of Justice's
41st National Missing Children's Day
Poster Contest

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 must be 8 ½ x 14 inches.
 3. The slogan "**Bringing Our Missing Children Home**" must appear somewhere on the poster.
 4. Posters must be created by hand. Posters with printed images, collages, and stamping are not eligible.
 5. Posters should be original in design. Be creative! Use acrylics, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, pastels, etc.
- To view previous artwork, visit the Featured Resources section on: www.ncjtc.org/mcd
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 **January 26, 2024** and mailed to:

**NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
Missing Persons Clearinghouse
80 South Swan Street
Albany, N.Y. 12210**



"Hope is the theme I chose for my picture. The drawing shows two hands with the word 'hope'. On the right hand you have victims families, and on the left you have rescue teams. Both are walking towards hope, searching for their children. With hope, it allowed them to never give up, and they are getting closer to finding them. On the bottom, it represents the children who have hope, which has motivated them to get back to their families. The bird between the hands is a symbol of hope. A sign and comfort to the families to keep going."

Ayoub Alsaidi | Brooklyn, N.Y.
2023 NYS Poster Contest Winner

Judging Criteria

1. Complete contest rules must be followed at all levels of the competition.
2. Incomplete packages and incorrectly sized posters will not be eligible for judging.
3. Artwork will be judged on:
 - Creativity
 - Reflection of the contest theme
 - Originality in design
4. Written applications will be judged on:
 - Comprehension of the theme
 - Clarity
 - Grammar and syntax appropriate to the fifth-grade level

Awards - National Level

- 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).
- 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 DOJ's National Missing Children's Day ceremony on May 22, 2024. Transportation and lodging will be provided. The national winner will also receive a national award certificate, a U.S. Savings Bond, and a professional print of their poster.
- The national winner and one parent/guardian will be invited to the 2025 ceremony to present the award to next year's poster contest winner.
- The national winner will be notified in April 2024. Travel arrangements are initiated for attendance at the 2024 National Missing Children's Day ceremony.
- The winning poster becomes the property of the DOJ and will be displayed at 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.
- May be used in publications, exhibits, displays and on websites, as determined by OJJDP and DOJ.

Awards - State Level

- The New York State 1st Place winner will be entered into the national judging competition.
- The New York State winners will be awarded Amazon gift cards:
1st Place (\$100), 2nd Place (\$75), 3rd Place (\$50).
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, their teacher, and parents/guardians (typically two) will be invited to attend an award ceremony at the Empire State Plaza on May 16, 2024. Transportation and lodging expenses are paid for by the New York State Missing Persons Clearinghouse.
- Qualifying entries will be on display at the NYS Empire Plaza during the week of May 25, 2024, Missing Children's Day, and may be used in publications, exhibits, displays and on websites as determined by DCJS.