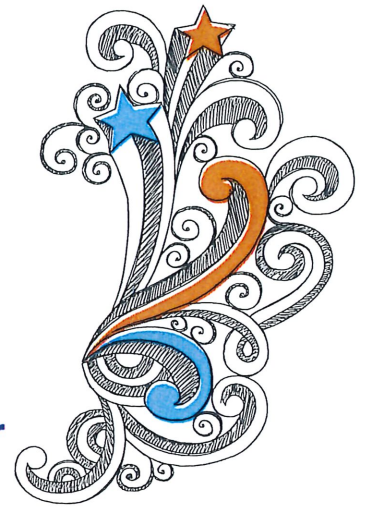




# Attention 5th Graders

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

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



## Contest Rules

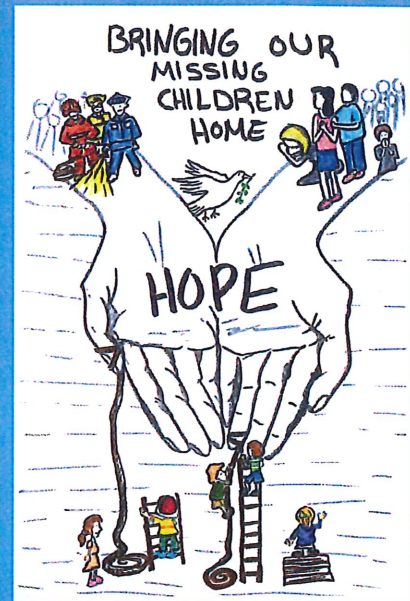
Students must create a poster that demonstrates the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home".

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: [ncjtc.org/mcd](https://ncjtc.org/mcd)

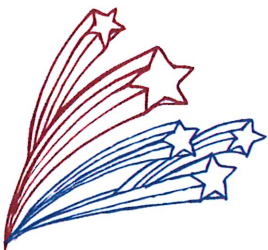
5. The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist.

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

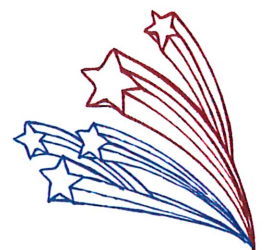


"Hope is the theme I chose for my picture. The drawing shows two hands with the word hope. On the right hand you have victims families and on the left you have rescue teams. Both are walking towards hope searching for their children. With hope, it allowed them to never give up and are getting closer 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 A. | New York  
2023 Poster Contest Winner



Contact the National Poster Contest Manager Ali Smith at [Alinda.Smith3742@fvtc.edu](mailto:Alinda.Smith3742@fvtc.edu) to find out how to contact your state manager.







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## 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  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 14$  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



## Poster Contest Application

Thank you for participating in the 41<sup>st</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

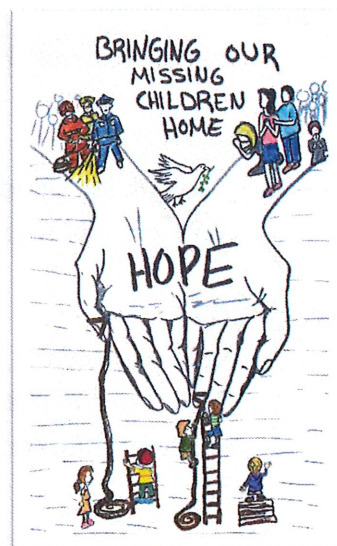
Educator's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

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

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