



New York State's 2015 Contest Winner – Alena Weibel, artist

All applicants **must** be in the fifth grade.

Artwork should reflect the theme “**Bring Our Missing Children Home.**” This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster. The theme may be depicted in the students’ artwork through one illustration or a combination of illustrations (e.g., signs and symbols, people, abstract, industry, wildlife, etc.)

The theme must be depicted visually 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.

The finished poster must measure 8½ x 14 inches. The poster must be submitted with a:

- Completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist, either written legibly or typed
- Release and consent form.

To be eligible for the statewide competition, each entry must be received by the Clearinghouse and postmarked no later than Feb. 12, 2016. Entries will be judged during the first week of March, with first-, second- and third-place winners announced the following week.

New York’s first-place winner will be entered into the national contest, judging for which will occur in March; the winner will be announced in April. The state’s three winners each will receive an Amazon.com gift card: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

Entries submitted to the Missing Persons Clearinghouse will be on display at the Empire State Plaza in Albany the week of May 23, 2015; National Missing Children’s Day is May 25. New York’s three winning posters also will be featured on the DCJS website: www.criminaljustice.ny.gov.

The national winner will travel to Washington, D.C., accompanied by his or her teacher and parents. The winning poster will be used to promote National Missing Children’s Day 2017.

Send entries to:

New York State Missing Persons Clearinghouse
Division of Criminal Justice Services
Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
80 South Swan St., Albany, New York 12210

For more information, e-mail missingpersons@dcjs.ny.gov or call 1-800-346-3543.