



Rules & Regulations 2009 National Art Contest

1. All entries must be submitted to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Art Contest, 141 Northwest Point Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.
2. All entries must be postmarked by Friday, July 31, 2009. This is the official close of the contest. Entries postmarked after this date will not be considered.
3. Students may submit multiple entries in the contest. All children must be in grades 3-5, 6-8 or 9-12 at the time the contest closes. Participants must be students attending a public or private school or be homeschooled. In the event a winner is homeschooled, the matching amount will be donated to a school or a homeschooling program of their choice in the U.S. Only children living in the U.S. are eligible for cash prizes. Children from other countries may enter but they and their schools are ineligible for cash prizes. Entries from outside the U.S. may be featured on the AAP Web site and for promotional purposes.
4. Entries must be a horizontal or vertical drawing or painting measuring eight and a half (8 1/2") by eleven (11") inches. The size should not include a mat or border. Entries must not be framed, under glass, or have a protective covering that is attached to the art. The entry may be drawn in any medium. For display purposes, colorful entries are preferred. Colored pencils, crayons, water color, colored markers, pastels and cut-out colored paper are acceptable. Entries must not exceed 1/4" in thickness.
5. All artwork must be original and pertain to the theme "Protecting children from tobacco smoke." The artwork must be the contestant's original hand-drawn creation. The entry design may not be a copy or duplicate of any previously published art, including photographs. No copying or tracing will be accepted. Any mechanically or electronically generated artwork is not eligible and will be disqualified. Air brush use is allowed. The participant's signature on the entry form is an acknowledgment of the originality of the art. The teacher's, parent's and or guardian's signatures on the entry form acknowledges that the artwork was done under his/her supervision and is original to the artist. The parent/guardian must sign where indicated on the entry form.
6. The purpose of the art contest is to convey positive messages concerning protecting children from tobacco smoke.
7. Children with special needs may have assistance from their teachers, parents or guardians to help with their entry. If assistance is given, please note this on the entry form.
8. A completed, legible entry form and consent form must be attached with a paper clip to the entry. If you are chosen as a winner, you will be required to send a recent photograph of yourself.
9. The student's name should be neatly printed on the back side (not front) of the artwork along with the home city in case the entry form and art become separated. Please do not write on the front of the artwork.
10. Entries that do not comply with the contest requirements will be disqualified.

Judges will be looking at:

Visual impact

Artistic merit

Original concept

Winning entries will be selected by a panel of AAP judges, including pediatricians. All decisions are final.

Winners and their parents or guardians will be invited to attend the 2009 AAP National Conference & Exhibition in Washington, DC, on October 17, 2009. First-place winners will receive a \$500 prize, with \$500 for the child's school. Winners will be provided with up to \$1,000 in travel expenses to be used for airfare and meals. The AAP will make the hotel arrangements. The second-place winners will receive \$250, with \$250 for the child's school. The winners and some of the other entrants will have their artwork featured on the AAP's Web site and in other promotional materials.

Relatives of AAP member pediatricians and relatives of AAP employees may enter but are not eligible for cash prizes. Their artwork may be featured on the AAP Web site and in other promotional materials.

Winners and their schools will be notified in the summer.

The AAP retains ownership of all artwork entered in the 2009 Art Contest, and may use the artwork in promotional materials such as cover designs, public information materials and exhibits. The AAP may use the artwork to promote greater public awareness of children's issues, such as "Protecting children from tobacco smoke."

The AAP:

- is not responsible for loss or damage to entries;
- reserves the exclusive right to authorize the reproductions of all entries in any form, including: stamps, prints, calendars, greeting cards, fact sheets, brochures, fliers, posters, report covers, etc., and to photograph the winning designs without compensation to entrants;
- has the right to use the winners' names for promotional purposes without compensation to entrants;
- will not return entries.

This would make a great school project/activity. Send us photos of the class participating in this activity!!!