



## Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force Missing Children's Day Poster Contest Fact Sheet

### Contest Rules:

1. Artwork should reflect the theme "Bring Our Missing Children Home." This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.
2. The theme must be depicted visually in one or a combination of mediums, such as: acrylics, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, pastels, etc.
3. The finished poster must measure 11 x 14 inches.
4. The poster must be submitted with a completed application.

### Judging Criteria:

1. Complete contest rules must be followed for all levels of competition. Incomplete packages and incorrect sized posters will not be eligible for further consideration.
2. Artwork will be judged on:
  - a. Originality of design
  - b. Reflection of the contest theme
  - c. Use of color and materials

### Awards:

1. Each applicant will receive a certificate of recognition for participating in the contest from the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force.
2. The single 5<sup>th</sup> grade state winner whose poster is selected to go to the national level of competition will receive a national award certificate from the Department of Justice.
  - The single national winner, his/her teacher, and his/her parents will participate in the National Missing Children's Day ceremony at the U.S. Department of Justice to be held on or around May 25<sup>th</sup>. Transportation and lodging will be provided. The national winner also will receive a national award certificate and a United States Savings Bond. No other awards will be provided by the Department of Justice.

## Winning Posters:

1. One winner from each grade will be announced in May and displayed in the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force calendar the following year, along with other locations as determined by the Task Force.
2. The winning posters may be used in publications, exhibits, displays and on websites as determined by the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force.
3. The winning posters will become the property of the Illinois AMBER Alert Task Force.

## Contest Dates:

1. January 13th – AMBER Alert Awareness Day  
– Poster contest information disseminated
2. March 15th  
– Deadline for Illinois contest submissions
3. April 1st  
– 5<sup>th</sup> grade winner submitted to national competition
4. By May 25th  
– All winners notified

Should you have any questions or need further information, please send an email to the Child Safety Coordinator at [missing@isp.state.il.us](mailto:missing@isp.state.il.us) or call the Illinois Missing Children's Clearinghouse at 1-800-843-5763.