



Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen and the Montana Highway Patrol, in partnership with the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, are hosting the first annual Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest for elementary school students in Montana to promote public safety and show appreciation for Montana's law enforcement officers.

Inaugural Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest

Contest Rules

1. Applicants must be in elementary school.
2. Artwork should reflect why the student appreciates law enforcement.
3. Artwork should be showcased using at least one of the following: acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, and pastels. Artwork that has been digitally produced is not allowed.
4. The preferred size for posters is 8.5 x 14 inches. Submissions that are 8.5x11 and 11x17 will also be allowed.
5. To complete the submission, the applicant must also include a brief biography and a completed application (below).

Judging Criteria

1. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified. Posters must also be a correct size, or the submission may not be accepted.
2. Artwork will be judged on:
 - a. Creativity
 - b. Originality
 - c. Understanding of topic
3. Written applications will be judged on:
 - a. Comprehension of the theme
 - b. Clarity
 - c. Grade level appropriate writing

Awards

1. A regional winner will be selected in each Montana Highway Patrol district. Each regional winner will receive an ice cream social delivered by the Department of Justice. (See attached map.)
2. From the regional winners, one statewide winner will be chosen. The statewide winner and their class will receive a visit from Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, MHP Colonel Steve Lavin, and local law enforcement. The winner will also have the opportunity to go on a ride along with Col. Lavin. The winning poster will also be displayed in Montana Highway Patrol offices and made available to law enforcement offices across the state.

Timeline

1. Submissions are due to the Montana Department of Justice by **April 30, 2025**.
2. Winners will be notified the week of **May 12, 2025**.
3. The statewide winner will be announced and celebrate with Attorney General Knudsen and the Montana Highway Patrol during National Police Week in May.

Submit your application

1. Mail your application to:
Attorney General's Office
ATTN: Law Enforcement Poster Contest
215 N. Sanders
Helena, MT 59601
2. The application should include:
 - a. The original artwork
 - b. Contest application
 - c. Release form
3. Contact the Montana Attorney General's Office at 406-444-2026 with questions.

Poster Contest Application

We're glad you've decided to participate in the Inaugural Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest! Please complete this application and have your parent/guardian fill out and sign the consent form before mailing us your application. In order to be considered for the contest, you must complete the entire application.

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.

Parent/Guardian Release and Consent Form

I hereby grant permission to use and reproduce the picture of my child, _____, and use my child's name in Montana Department of Justice related publications, news features, blogs, or other advertisements relating to the Montana Law Enforcement Appreciation Poster Contest. I also grant permission for my child to participate in any interviews with media relating to this event. I understand that any written statements may be edited or used, in whole or in part, or adapted with other materials, and I hereby waive all rights of privacy, compensation, control, or royalties that I may have.

I have read this document before signing below and warrant that I fully understand its contents.

Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature

Address

Date

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

