

THE 2020-2021 CONTEST

Peace Through Service

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. Lions have provided an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much—joy, kindness, hope and PEACE. This year, young people have an opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service.

The theme of the 2020-2021 Peace Poster Contest is “Peace through Service.”

Students who will be 11, 12 or 13 by November 15th are eligible to participate.

Through the Contest students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the Contests’ theme as well as in their written quote. Each year a different theme incorporating Peace is chosen. Twenty-four international finalists are selected to represent the work of more than 600,000 young participants from around 60 countries worldwide. Since 1988 more than 3.6 million children have participated.

Encouraging Youth and Promoting the Arts: Participants use a variety of mediums including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint to express a new theme developed each year to spark their imagination. The works created are unique and express the young artist’s life experience and culture.

CONTEST RULES AND CONDITIONS

Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified

- **Only a Lions Club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Scouts, etc.**
- **Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age by November 15th.**
- **The Contest theme for 2020 – 2021 is “Peace Through Service”**
- **Artwork must be no smaller than 33cm by 50cm and no larger than 50cm by 60cm. Do not mat, fold or frame artwork. Entries which do not meet deadlines will be disqualified.**
- **Only one entry per student and each entry must be the work of only one student.**
- **All artwork must be the individual student’s original creation, duplications are not accepted**
- **All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries**
- **Three dimensional entries will not be accepted – nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.**
- **The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster**
- **Artwork should be done on a flexible material so it can be rolled for shipping in a NEW mailing tube. Do not fold poster.**

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries.

Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become the property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. The international grand prize winner travels to an award ceremony where he/she will receive US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an award. Two family members and the sponsoring Lions Club President or a club member, (designated by the President) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

CONTEST JUDGING

An appropriate individual such as the school principal, youth group leader, local artist or a panel of judges may select the winning poster.

Posters are to be evaluated on three criteria at each level of judging. The criteria are originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Only one poster can be selected, per contest sponsored, to advance to the next level of judging. A club sponsoring more than one school or youth group or multiple contests within the same school (by purchasing more than one kit) will send one poster for each contest sponsored to the next level of judging. Posters selected must meet all the requirements outlined in the Contest Rules and Conditions. Posters not meeting these specifications will be disqualified.

Forward Winning Poster: After the winning poster is selected, it must be prepared and forwarded to the next level of judging. Clubs who have purchased more than one kit, will forward a winning poster for each kit purchased.

- **Complete sections I and II on the winner sticker. Be sure to fill out all the information requested. Affix sticker to the back lower right-hand corner of the poster. Posters without the completed winner sticker will be disqualified. No reproductions of the sticker are permitted.**
- **To ensure the poster arrives at the next level of judging in good condition, roll the poster and send in a NEW mailing tube. Do not fold the poster.**
- **Clubs are responsible for the cost of postage/shipping, neither District, National Office or International Headquarters will reimburse this cost.**
- **Send the poster to your District Governor for District judging – entries must be postmarked on or before November 15th**
- **Follow up with your District Governor to make sure that he/she has received your Club's poster.**
- **Any Club failing to submit its winning entry by the due date will be disqualified.**

Contest Dates:

- **November 6:** Last day to place finished posters meeting contest requirements with contact information forms to the Merrimack Middle School Main Office
- **Week of November 8th:** The Merrimack Lions Club will pick up posters and vote on a winner for the town related to this competition.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

Peace Poster Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Parental Phone Number: _____

Personal Quote on Peace: _____

Art Materials: _____