

Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

Contest Rules

Applicants must be in the fifth grade.

Artwork should reflect and *must* include this phrase in its entirety on the poster:

"Bringing Our Missing Children Home"

The theme may be depicted in the student's artwork through one or a combination of illustrations (e.g., signs and symbols, people, abstract, industry, wildlife) and can be created using media such as acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, and pastels.

Digitally produced images, collages, cutouts, 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 (see example below).

Judging Criteria

Complete contest rules must be followed at all levels of the competition. Incomplete packages and incorrectly sized posters will not be eligible for judging.

Artwork will be judged on:

- Creativity
- Reflection of the contest theme
- Originality in design

Written applications will be judged on:

- Comprehension of the theme
- Clarity
- Grammar and syntax appropriate to the fifth-grade level

Awards, State Level

On behalf of the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, we thank you for participating in this contest. The Ohio winning poster will continue the contest at the national level.

The winning poster, and the second and third place finishers will be selected for the state and the artists will be recognized at the annual AGO Two Days in May conference.

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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 6, 2026 AND SENT TO:

**BCI Criminal Intelligence Unit
P.O. Box 365
London, Ohio 43140**

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2025 National Missing Persons Day poster winner



Jax S., Wellston Intermediate School, Wellston

"My poster is a family photo wall on the left side," Jax explained. "The two sad parents are standing in front of the pictures. In the pictures, the child is dark, with a question mark showing that he is missing. There is a split in the wall, and on the other side the child is sitting in a dark corner with no idea of where he is or how to get back to his parents. The parents and the child are silhouettes, symbolizing the sadness."

About Jax, who is 11: "I started doing karate when I was 6 and I am a purple belt, but I have been taking a break for about a year because I want to try different things. I love playing basketball and football, but basketball is my favorite. I love rap music. Rap is the only thing I listen to. I like drawing."



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