



2017 NH State House Bicentennial Poster Contest

The New Hampshire State House Bicentennial Commission (NHSHBC), on behalf of the state of New Hampshire, is pleased to offer the 2017 NH State House Bicentennial Poster Contest. A total of 9 awards will be given. Any child between the ages 5-21 that resides in New Hampshire and is a public, private or home school student in kindergarten through 12th grade can participate.

- Poster Contest Theme is *"The New Hampshire State House and its Meaning Today"*
- Please note the 2017 Deadlines!

2016/2017 Application Process & Deadlines

- **October, 2016:** Regional leaders get the word out about the 2017 NH State House Poster Contest. Send flyers to schools in your region! Identify and reach out to specific teachers in art, environmental and other related fields. Find your professional teacher organizations and ask them to distribute the information to their members.
- **Monday, May 1, 2017:** Applicants must submit their poster accompanied by the Poster Contest Entry Form to the regional office in which their school is located. Entry forms must be legible and complete, including a guardian/parental signature or the poster cannot be considered. Make sure a copy is securely attached to the back of the submitted poster.
- **Monday, May 15, 2017:** Regional leaders will have chosen nine winners for each Region (1 first, second and third place winner for each age group) to move on for State consideration. There will be one first place winner, by age group, from each of the 5 Regions. Regional leaders will submit to the NHDOE Each Winning Poster, their Poster Contest Entry Form, and the Regional Winners Form. Posters must be packaged in a cardboard mailer so they remain flat when sent to NHDOE.
- **Friday, June 2, 2017: 4:00 p.m.** Deadline for receipt of State Winners submitted by Regional Directors.
- **Monday, June 19, 2017:** State panel will choose one State Winner from each of the three age groups from the Regional Winners.
- **Monday, July 3, 2017** NHSHBC will send certificates to Regional offices who will in turn notify the student, school & local media.
- **Monday, July 17, 2017:** The state winning posters will be displayed in the Tunnel between the State House and State Legislative Office Building for a week following the announcement of the winners.

- **NO POSTERS WILL BE CONSIDERED IF SUBMITTED AFTER THESE DEADLINES.**

Judging Criteria

Posters will be judged on the following criteria:

- Theme Message – 50%
- Visual Effectiveness – 30%
- Originality – 10%
- Universal appeal – 10%

Requirements

- All artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches. Do not mat or frame artwork.
- Any weight of paper is permitted.
- In order to ensure posters do not get damaged in opening, do not secure posters with duct tape or large amounts of tape.
- Posters should be sent flat, between taped sheets of cardboard.
- Do not identify the school or your name on the front of the poster. A separate entry form **MUST** accompany each poster secured on the back of the poster.
- Posters must be submitted with a completed entry form. Posters submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified.
- No personally identifiable information about the applicants will be revealed to any member of the judging committee at any time during the judging process. Posters (not including the entry form) should not include a name, a school's name, or personally identifiable information.
- Only one poster per student and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Student does not need a teacher sponsor. If you have a teacher sponsor, please provide teacher's name on the entry form.
- 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. Laminated entries are not accepted.
- Three dimensional entries will be accepted. May be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork.
- You may use lettering or numbering on the front of the poster.
- Artwork may be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Be careful not to fold poster.
- Computer graphics may be used.
- Poster entries cannot have already been previously exhibited.

Awards

- Local Regions, at their choice, may finance an award to winners at the regional level.
- The winning posters will be determined by a judging committee.
- A Grand Prize winner, second, and third place winner from each age group will be selected.
- An award will be given to the Grand Prize winner.

- The state winning posters will be displayed in the Tunnel between the State House and State Legislative Office Building for a week following the announcement of the winners.
- All winners will have their poster published on the state Department of Education website.
- Winners will be announced on July 3, 2017.



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Poster Contest Entry Form
(Ages 5-11 - equivalent to Kindergarten through Elementary School)

Please type or print clearly.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Teacher Sponsor Name: _____

School Name: _____

Poster Title: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State: _____

Postal or ZIP Code: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

By entering the contest, participants agree to be bound by the contest rules and the decisions of the judges. Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent by mail with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Entries will not be returned; however, arrangements can be made. Poster contest participants agree to allow the contest sponsor to use their names and artwork for promotional and publicity purposes. The poster contest may be cancelled without notice at any time. Notification will not be given to those applicants with non-winning posters. No poster will be given preference on the basis of an applicant's school, grade, geographic origin, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or

any legally-protected status. No poster will be given preference on the basis of ability to attend the awards ceremony. Applicant acknowledges that in the administration of the poster contest the state shall have no liability as a result of errors or omissions of error.



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**Poster Contest Entry Form
(Ages 11-14 - equivalent to Middle School)**

Please type or print clearly.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Teacher Sponsor Name: _____

School Name: _____

Poster Title: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State: _____

Postal or ZIP Code: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

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Poster Contest Entry Form
(Ages 15-21 – equivalent to High School)

Please type or print clearly.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Teacher Sponsor Name: _____

School Name: _____

Poster Title: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State: _____

Postal or ZIP Code: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

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