



NJCIE's 3rd Annual Poster Contest Guidelines

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

In celebration of Inclusive Schools Week, the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE) is inviting you to participate in its 3rd Annual Inclusive Schools, Inclusive Lives Poster Contest.

An inclusive school refers to a local public school where everyone feels accepted regardless of their learning challenges, differences or disabilities. Create an original poster illustrating this year's theme, *"Inclusion Works!"* Show us why inclusion is important, what it means to you, what it looks like in your school, on the playground, in the classroom, on the school bus.

Break out those creative tools, talk about your ideas with your friends, teachers & family and send us your own vision on how *"Inclusion Works!"*

CATEGORIES:

Category I: Students, grades 2 - 5.

Category II: Students, grades 6 - 8.

Category III: Students, grades 9 - 12.

Category IV: A collaborative effort by 2 students, one of whom has a disability.

CRITERIA:

- ✓ Original artwork must be completed by a student(s) attending a public school within a local school district,
- ✓ Must be a two-dimension painting, drawing, collage or combination, in color or black and white,
- ✓ Must include the title, *"Inclusion Works!"*, (spelled correctly!) on the front of the artwork,
- ✓ Be created on sturdy paper or illustration board, between 9"x12" and 12"x16",
- ✓ Labeled on the back with:
- ✓ Artist(s) name, age, school name, address, grade, home address, home phone number (for contact only—will NOT be distributed in any manner);
- ✓ School contact person's name, phone number and e-mail address.

JUDGING:

Posters will be judged on how well they convey the message, "Inclusion Works!" their originality, creativity, attractiveness, and if they meet all of the criteria requirements outlined. Winning posters will be selected in each Category and a Grand Prize winner chosen from each Category's winning posters.

AWARDS:

The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond, printed copies of the poster will be distributed to schools throughout the state, and be placed on NJCIE's website where it will be viewed by hundreds of people. Other Category Winners will receive a \$50 Savings Bond. Winners' posters and those receiving honorable mentions will be announced and exhibited at NJCIE's Summer Inclusion Conference (June 27 & 28, 2012) at Georgian Court University. The *Inclusion Works!* exhibit will travel to New Jersey locations in the 2012-2013 school year.

SUBMISSIONS:

Send flat in an envelope. DO NOT ROLL OR FOLD! Do not mount, frame or laminate. Schools or artists may submit multiple posters in one envelope. ***Posters must be received by 4:00PM February 27, 2012.*** It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that their entry has been received. Submissions will not be returned unless a sufficiently stamped, self-addressed envelope is included with the entry. All other submissions become the property of NJCIE.

Mail submissions to: Poster contest
c/o NJCIE
9 Auer Court, Suite H
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

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