



DEA National Forensic Science Week 2026

Junior High and High School Poster Competition

How Do You Make Healthy and Safe Choices About Drugs?

In recognition of National Forensic Science Week (September 20-26, 2026), the Drug Enforcement Administration invites junior and high school students to participate in a poster competition.

On October 12th the selected finalist entries will be displayed outside of the DEA Museum in Arlington, VA and on DEA's National Forensic Science Week website for voting.

Categories to be awarded on Friday, October 23rd

- DEA National Forensic Science Week Judges' Selection
- Crowd Favorite

Winning posters will continue to be displayed outside of the DEA Museum and online, concluding at the end of Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31).

Submit Your Poster

Deadline: October 3rd, 2026

Requirements:

- **24" x 36"** poster representing your idea
- **PDF** file type preferred
- **Target audience - junior high and high school students**
- **Limit three entries per school**

See the reverse side of this flier for poster rules and entry instructions





Competition Rules:

- Posters must be submitted by Friday, October 3rd, 2026
- Limit of three entries per school
- Each poster requires a separate entry
- Students may work individually or in teams
- Posters must be the original design and creation of the entrant(s)
- The poster shall give no information that identifies the team or school
- The poster shall not include photographic images of faces
- Posters measure 24 inches high and 36 inches wide
- A PDF file of the digitally created poster will be submitted
- Ensure the file is high enough quality that all text and graphics can be easily read
- Subject matter is "How do you make healthy and safe choices about drugs?" and the presentation of this subject is the choice of the participant(s) or their classmates
- Make sure that the main poster is not too text heavy
- In submitting a poster, students agree that the poster may be displayed at DEA Headquarters, both online and in-person, and included on DEA's website

To enter, have a Point of Contact (POC) email the final poster design to AskForensics@dea.gov along with the following information:

- Name of POC (18 years old or older)
- Phone Number
- Address of School or Organization
- Name of School or Organization
- Student(s)
- Grade Level(s)
- An attached PDF file of the 24"x36" poster

By participating in the DEA National Forensic Science Week Junior and High School Poster Competition you attest that the artwork being submitted is original and created by the person(s) or team named on this form and give DEA permission to publish the image in a digital gallery; include the image in various DEA buildings including, but not limited to websites and social media platforms; and retain the image in records/archives for future reference.

All information must be provided for the entry to be accepted, which will be confirmed via email.

The inbox will accept entries from September 20th through October 3rd. Confirmation of receipt and acceptance will be sent no later than Wednesday October 7th.