

American Legion Department of Vermont, Children and Youth Committee

***“Take a Stand Against Bullying”* Poster Contest**

Children and youth face many challenges in today’s society, but one constantly remains in the spotlight — bullying. The American Legion Department of Vermont, through this poster contest, hopes to raise awareness about bullying in our communities.

Eligibility: The contest is open to any student in 5th Grade. Poster can be submitted individually or as a classroom project; submitted by the classroom teacher. One submission per student.

Art Media: Crayons, paper, felt tip pens, markers, colored pencils/pens, paint and collage may be used to create the poster. Do not use wood, plastic, glass, metal or fabric.

Size: No larger than 11 by 17 paper.

Submission Instructions:

DEADLINE: April 19, 2019

By mail (send original) – must be postmarked on or before April 19:

American Legion Department of Vermont
C/O Children and Youth Committee - Anti-Bullying Poster Contest
126 State Street, P.O. Box 396
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-0396

By email (low-resolution jpeg or pdf): alvthq@myfairpoint.net

Subject line: Children and Youth Committee - Anti-Bullying Poster Contest

NOTE: Original artwork may be requested. If you cannot present the original when requested, you could be disqualified.

In person: Department Headquarters, 126 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05601-0396

Please include the following information with your submission:

- Students full name, complete mailing address, contact phone number, parent(s) name, full school name; or if
- Class project: Teacher name, school name and full mailing address, contact phone number

Judging Criteria: Expression of the theme – *“Take a Stand Against Bullying.”* Creativity and originality, visual clarity, broad audience appeal, educational value and if the poster is easy to read and understand.

Judging: One finalist will be selected from each school district. Our Judges will choose the overall winner. Voting will be on May 11, 2019. The Children and Youth Chairman will notify winners the following week.

Prizes: There will be three top winners selected who will receive first, second and third place trophies. All students who participate will receive a certificate of participation and a copy of *“Bridging the Gap”* an educational comic book to help middle school age children recognize, prevent and stop bullying. **Note:** the top winners will have their poster displayed at the Department of Vermont Annual Convention held June 28-29 at the Double Tree Hotel in Burlington. The first place student will be invited to attend the convention on June 29.

Posters will become the property of the American Legion, Department of Vermont and maybe used for promotional purposes as well as appear on social media and newspaper articles. Submitting an entry signifies that you have read and understand these rules and agree to the terms.