

2017 Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest

Sponsored by the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security



4 & 5th Grade First Prize: \$200
4 & 5th Grade Second Prize: \$100
4 & 5th Grade Third Prize: \$75
3rd Grade First Prize \$100

Eligibility - The contest is open to any Michigan student in third, fourth or fifth grade. Third graders will be awarded one first place prize. Fourth and fifth graders will be awarded a first, second, and third place prize.

**Deadline: Must be at the National Weather Service Office
no later than February 13, 2017**

Topic - Artwork must illustrate what individuals and families should do to prepare for Michigan severe weather, such as snowstorms, severe cold, tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning or floods.

The Committee is looking for posters with a simple and clear message. Lettering should be easy to read and artwork should be bright, visible, and complement the message.
Winning posters from previous years can be viewed at: www.mcswa.com

Official Rules:

Who may Enter:

Any Michigan student in third, fourth or fifth grades during the 2016-2017 school year.
Posters must be packed, wrapped flat, and mailed to:

Mail to:

National Weather Service Office
9200 White Lake Road
White Lake, MI 48386

Deadline:

Posters must be at the National Weather Service office no later than **February 13, 2017**.
Winners will be notified by mail no later than March 15, 2017.

Poster Specifications:

1. Posters must be submitted on tag, poster or illustration board.
2. The overall dimensions shall be approximately 15" x 20."
3. All artwork must be original and may use any media desired with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal, puffy-paint or glitter.
4. Stenciled, traced, computer-generated or commercially manufactured stick-on lettering or graphics are prohibited. Posters with misspelled words will be eliminated.
5. All posters will become the property of the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.
6. Posters will be judged on both the clarity of the preparedness message and the quality of the art.

Identification:

The following information shall be PRINTED on the back of the poster:

1. Artist's name and grade
2. Name, address, and telephone number of school
3. Name of art instructor or classroom teacher, if any
4. Email address (if electronic notification of the winner is desired)

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