

Attention Florida 5th Graders

We welcome your participation in the annual Florida Missing Children's Day Poster Contest!

The Florida Poster Contest winner will be invited to Florida Missing Children's Day, which will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026, in Tallahassee, Florida. The winner will receive an award and prize package during the ceremony.

Contest Rules

Students must create a poster that demonstrates the theme:
"Bringing Our Missing Children Home"

1. The finished poster must be 8½ by 14 inches.
2. The slogan "Bringing Our Missing Children Home" must appear somewhere on the poster.
3. Posters must be created by hand. Posters with printed images, collages, and stamping are not eligible.
4. Posters should be original in design. Be creative! Use acrylics, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, pastels, etc.
5. The physical poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster, a brief biography of the artist, AND a signed parental release form. Visit www.fmcdf.org/student-contests or use the QR code below to find the full contest packet and additional information.
6. Posters must be submitted via mail to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Attn. MPOE Operational Support, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

All posters must be received by Friday, March 20, 2026.

Florida's 2025 Winner: Cali



"My poster shows a young boy who is trapped in a terrible situation. He was kidnapped, and is now being physically and emotionally abused. I drew him getting a glimpse of the outside world. All he can think about is his home and his family. Even though he is going through the worst thing imaginable, he still has hope. This symbolizes the terrible reality for countless children gone missing. If we help to bring awareness, maybe we can give them hope, and bring them home."

Visit www.fdle.state.fl.us/MEPIC/Home/FMCD-Foundation/Poster-Gallery to see all of Florida's past Poster Contest winners.

If you have questions, please contact Florida's contest coordinator by emailing FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us or by calling 850-410-7498.

