

GARY TILTON MEMORIAL FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST RULES

As revised by committee, January 2024

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: INSTRUCTION ON RULES

This contest is open to all students in grades Pre-K through 12 enrolled in any school (public, private, parochial, etc.) or home schooled.

The following grades will fall into six divisions:

Kindergarten Division - Grades Pre-K, K

Primary Division - Grades 1, 2

Intermediate Division - Grades 3, 4

Middle Division - Grades 5, 6

Junior High Division - Grades 7, 8

High School Division - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

The poster must be original and may be on any phase of fire prevention and/or fire safety. Only individual work by the student, and one entry per student, will be accepted.

Posters must conform to the following description:

Size of poster: 14 inches by 22 inches **ONLY**. If another size is turned in, it will immediately be disqualified.

Kind: Any art medium including painted, cut-outs, pen and ink, crayons, chalks, pencils, computer graphics, but not limited to these. Cut-outs and computer graphics are only allowed for Kindergarten and Primary Division (grades Pre-K through 2nd) only. Other Divisions using cutouts or computer graphics will be disqualified.

NO objects over one half inch in height are to be placed on the poster.

NO live matches may be used on the poster.

NO glass may be used in the poster.

All posters must be submitted to State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Prevention Poster Committee at the host city before 1 p.m., Friday of convention week. Any posters not submitted by that time will be disqualified.

The following information must be placed in a sealed envelope attached to the back of the poster. Inside the envelope on a card or piece of paper, insert:

- a. Name of student
- b. Name of school
- c. Address of school
- d. Grade of student
- e. *Name of fire department*
- f. Name of district association

On front of envelope: division only

All posters must contain full information and conform to size to avoid *disqualification*.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All fire departments and/or fire marshal's offices that are active in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest and are members of the different district associations and the state association may send their winning posters, by their fire marshal or representative to the district contest.

Each District may select three posters only from each division and send them to the state contest. (District Representative - it is your responsibility to see that all posters entered from your district conform to all the state rules. Posters must be submitted to the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Prevention Poster Committee at the host city 1 p.m., Friday of convention week. Poster Committee will have a booth at the exhibit hall for all posters to be submitted.

First, Second, and Third place trophies will be given in each division. Three, five or seven judges will be selected by the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Prevention Poster Committee. The decision of the judges will be announced at the convention. The decision of the judges is final.

All posters will become the property of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association to be exhibited at the state contest. Winning posters will be displayed for one year at the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas - PO Box 1709, Manchaca, TX 78652-1709.

It is the district's responsibility to pick up the last year's winners from the chairman or his representative.

It shall be the responsibility of the chairman to:

- Secure trophies for first, second, and third place in each division.
- Trophies will be presented to the district representative for presentation to the winner.
- Provide ribbons for each place. Ribbons will be attached to the posters.

The cost of the trophies and the ribbons shall be paid by the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association. Any prize money that is awarded to any poster contestant will be awarded by that company and/or group and will not involve the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association.

All departments and/or districts who have posters in the state contest *must pick them up* Tuesday after the awards banquet. Any poster not picked up at awards banquet will be disposed of that night.