

NEW JERSEY TEEN MEDIA CONTEST 2017

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New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development

OFFICIAL CONTEST INFORMATION

Media Categories

In 2017, the New Jersey Teen Media Contest will extend beyond the traditional hand-drawn/hand-painted artwork which has been its hallmark. For the 2017 contest, entries will be accepted in the following categories:

- Hand-drawn or hand-painted artwork
- Computer-generated and/or digital artwork
- Written word (poems, essays, etc.)

Official Rules

- The contest is open to middle school or high school students in New Jersey, including public school, private school, parochial school, and charter school students. Home schooled students are also eligible.
- Entries must clearly reflect the contest theme. Visit our [About the Contest](#) page for this year's contest theme.
- Each school or organization may submit an unlimited number of entries, but no more than ONE entry is permitted per individual student.
- Entries must be original and exclusive work in idea, design, and execution.
- Entries may not include any copyrighted material such as comic characters, magazines, or newspaper illustrations. These works are subject to immediate disqualification.
- All written word submissions will be reviewed for plagiarized content. Instances of plagiarism are grounds for the immediate disqualification of the entry.
- Entries will not be returned and are not for sale. All submissions will become the property of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development and may be used in various types of media and/or displays. Please consider making a copy of each entry prior to submission.
- Official Contest Entry Forms must accompany all submissions.
- All entries must be postmarked no later than the deadline. Visit our [About the Contest](#) page for this year's deadline.

Submission Guidelines

- *Hand-Drawn/Hand-Painted Submission Requirements*
 - Original hand-drawn paintings, drawings, or illustrations must be submitted on paper, poster board, or canvas that is at least 11" x 17" but not larger than 18" x 24".
 - Hand-drawn artwork should be designed in horizontal/landscape format as it may be used for a calendar and/or media display.
 - Artwork may be done by hand in ink, charcoal, marker, watercolor, oil or acrylic paint.
 - Artwork must be flat. Do not roll, matte, frame or laminate.
 - Artwork should be shipped to:
NJ Teen Media Contest
c/o WSPR
550 Broad Street, Suite 910
Newark, NJ 07102

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- *Computer-Generated and/or Digital Artwork Submissions.*
 - Computer-generated and digital submissions can be submitted either in hardcopy or electronically. All submissions, regardless of how they are submitted, must be at least 11" x 17" but not larger than 18" x 24".
 - Computer-generated and digital artwork should be designed in horizontal/landscape format as it may be used for a calendar and/or media display.
 - Hardcopy entries should be made flat. Do not roll, matte, frame or laminate. Be sure a copy of the Contest Entry Form is submitted with the hardcopy entry. Artwork should be shipped to:

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 - Electronic entries can be made in PDF, JPG, PNG or HTML formats. If the entry is being submitted electronically, please be sure the student's name is included in the file name and the completed contest entry form is submitted at the same time. Electronic submissions should be e-mailed to jpersamanos@winningstrat.com.

- *Written Word Submissions*
 - Written word submissions can be in the form of poetry, essay, composition or short story.
 - Written word entries are not limited by length, but for the purposes of calendar use and/or media display, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development reserves the right to abridge the entry.
 - All written word submissions must be made electronically.
 - Acceptable file formats for written word submissions is DOC, TXT or PDF.
 - If the entry is being submitted electronically, please be sure the student's name is included in the file name and the completed contest entry form is submitted at the same time. Electronic submissions should be e-mailed to jpersamanos@winningstrat.com.

Judging

Members of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, along with representatives from various other organizations and/or corporations in the State, will serve as judges for the New Jersey Teen Media Contest. All artwork will be judged based on the following criteria (in no specific order): theme depiction, overall appearance, originality, and design and execution.

Awards & Prizes

- Winning entries will be recognized based on the following:
 - Hand-Drawn/Hand-Painted Artwork
 - Middle School: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places
 - High School: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places
 - Computer-Generated and/or Digital Artwork
 - Middle School: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places
 - High School: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places
 - Written Word Entries
 - Middle School: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places
 - High School: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places
- Prize packages have not yet been determined. Check back for more information.
- Students will be recognized at a public awards ceremony in mid-May at a time, date and venue yet to be determined.

All questions can be directed to:

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