

NEW JERSEY TEEN MEDIA CONTEST 2020

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New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development*

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

Media Categories

In 2020, the New Jersey Teen Media Contest will accept submissions in two categories:

- Hand-drawn or hand-painted artwork
- Written word (poems, essays, etc.)

Official Rules

- The contest is open to all middle school or high school age students in New Jersey, including public school, private school, parochial school, and charter school students. Home-schooled students are also eligible.
- Entries may be submitted in one of the following ways:
 - Individually, by the student, based on the submission guidelines below; OR
 - Through the Art/English/Language Arts teacher(s) at the student's school, also based on the submission guidelines below. Teachers may submit an unlimited number of entries on behalf of their school, but no more than ONE entry is permitted per individual student. *Are you an educator? [Click here](#) to register your school!*
- Entries must clearly reflect the contest theme. Visit our [About the Contest](#) page for this year's contest theme.
- Entries must be an original and exclusive work in idea, design, and execution.
- Entries may not include any copyrighted material such as logos, comic characters, magazines, newspaper illustrations, or online watermarked images. Entries with these included are subject to disqualification.
- 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.
- An [Official Entry Form](#) must accompany EACH submission.
- 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 Submissions*
 - 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, mat, frame or laminate.
 - Artwork, with [Official Entry Form](#), should be shipped to: **NJ Teen Media Contest**

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- *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 [Official Entry Form](#) is submitted at the same time. Electronic submissions should be e-mailed to info@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
 - 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 the [New Jersey Teen Media Contest website](#) for the most current 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:

Matthew Cossel at 973-799-0200 or info@winningstrat.com

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