



Annual Poster, Poetry & Essay Contest

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*The Onslow Commission for Persons with Disabilities
and
City of Jacksonville*

The Onslow Commission for Persons with Disabilities and the City of Jacksonville are sponsoring their Annual Poster, Poetry, and Essay contest for Onslow County (public and private) and Base School students to help promote "Disabilities Awareness Week" in May 2020.

Our 2020 Theme:

"Sharing Hands Means Caring Hearts"

This year's theme is "Sharing Hands Means Caring Hearts". This can be in reference to a disabled person or an individual who assists a disabled person, by sharing of their time, compassion, love and attention. These "Sharing Hands and Caring Hearts" can be a person such as a parent, neighbor, teacher or friend that understands the persistence it takes to overcome social barriers; meet all challenges with determination and enthusiasm; and who helps to instill strength and courage to others and helps them to keep a positive outlook on what life has to offer. What does it mean to you? Create an Original Poster or Poem or Essay about your own observations or feelings when you meet or see a person with a disability. **As you prepare your poster, poem or essay, reflect on your very own community, your friends, loved ones, classmates, and others and express your ideas to help others see beyond the disability and see the person.**

*Poster, Poetry, or Essay must be an original work. Work that is copied, traced, or otherwise reproduced, or that is substantially the same as an existing work will be disqualified.

Grade Group: Elementary School – (Pre-K – 5th grade) – Poster

- Poster cannot be larger than 9" by 12"
- Please put your name on the back of the entry in pencil

Grade Group: Middle School – (6th – 8th grade) – Poster, Poetry or Essay

- Poster cannot be larger than 9" by 12" (place name on back of entry)
- Poem or Essay Typed – double spaced, font size no smaller than 12
- Illustrations optional
- Please put your name on the back of the entry in pencil

Grade Group: High School – (9th – 12th grade) – Poster, Poetry or Essay

- Poster cannot be larger than 9" by 12" (place name on back of entry)
- Poem or Essay Typed – double spaced, font size no smaller than 12
- Illustrations optional
- Please put your name on the back of the entry in pencil

All entries must be received by City Hall no later than April 24, 2020, 5PM

Student Prizes: Winners will be chosen from each grade level. Each grade level winner will receive a certificate and a \$50 gift card presented by the Mayor at the City Council meeting on May 19, 2020. All grade level winners will have their work on display at City Hall. All decisions by the judging panel are final.

Teacher Prize: One teacher from each grade group (Elementary, Middle and High School) will be selected for "Excellence in Participation" based on student entries most clearly related to the theme. A \$50.00 gift card will be presented to each winner. In addition, his/her class will be honored with a pizza party.

Please mail or deliver your entries no later than April 24, 2020, 5PM to:

The Onslow Commission for Persons with Disabilities c/o Carmen Miracle, City Clerk
Jacksonville City Hall, P.O. Box 128 · 815 New Bridge Street
Jacksonville, NC 28541

For More Information, Contact: Carmen Miracle, City Clerk at (910) 938-5224



Teacher's Class Entry Sheet



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Dear Teacher,

Thank you for allowing your students to participate in our contest.

The Commission Judging Team will review the entries based on originality, craftsmanship, and on how well the student adheres to the theme. **Be sure that each student entry includes the Student Entry Form.**

- All entries must focus on the theme.
- Entries are accepted from individual students only – no co-entries.
- Each individual student entry MUST include a completed Student Entry Form. Entries without this form will be disqualified.
- Entries will not be returned. Students/Teachers/Parents may wish to reproduce entries for personal keepsakes before mailing.
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School _____

Teacher _____

Total Number of Students that participated _____

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Individual Student Entry Form



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Please paperclip this form to your entry. Also print your name on the back of the entry in pencil.

Student's name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Teacher _____

School _____

I give permission for the Onslow Commission for Persons with Disabilities to use my poster, poem, or essay for possible publicity and/or publication.

Student's signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent's signature _____ **Date** _____

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