



Virginia Association of Science Teachers



STUDENT ART POSTER CONTEST 2018

VAST invites all K -12 artists/young scientists to showcase their talents by creating original artwork that reflects our **2018 Professional Development Institute** theme, “**Diversify & Strengthen Science for All.**” Posters will be judged in the following four categories: **Kindergarten - 2nd Grade, 3rd - 5th Grade, 6th - 8th Grade, and 9th - 12th Grade**- by a panel of artists, scientists, and educators.

Judging

- The poster will be judged on: its clear message of the theme, “**Diversify & Strengthen Science for All,**” the clarity of the entry’s text and art with correct spelling and grammar; and creativity.
- Posters may be submitted on plain paper or poster paper in portrait style, not landscape. Do not frame or mat. The completed poster size should be 8.5 x 8.5 inches.
- Any medium may be used by the student to create a completely original, two-dimensional entry, with the exception of glitter. Copyrighted characters, such as Superman, or copyrighted clip art, or copyright-free clip art will not be accepted. Artwork must be submitted in original media format, not as a pdf, jpeg, or color print.
- On the back of the artwork, the entrant must include all of the following information, printed legibly:

**Artist’s Full Name, Grade, Age
Parent’s/Guardian’s name, email address, and phone number
Science Teacher’s Full Name and email, School name and address**

Submitting the Poster

All submissions must be postmarked by: **Wednesday, April 11th** to be received by April 16th. We expect to complete judging before the end of the school year. Decision of the judges is FINAL. All posters will become the property of the Virginia Association of Science Teachers.

**Mail submissions to:
Kathy Frame, VAST
13112 Nestlewood Court, Oak Hill, VA 20171-3904**

Winners

First, second, and third places will be awarded in each category and displayed at the VAST PDI in Williamsburg in November. The winners will also be featured in a VAST newsletter and on the VAST website www.vast.org. The grand prize winner’s work may become the PDI program front cover with the winner, parents/guardians (up to two), and Science teacher invited as VAST’s guests at the PDI Awards Dinner and Ceremony, in Williamsburg, on November 16th. The Science teachers of the first place winners in **each** category will receive a free one-year membership in VAST.

Questions or Additional Information?

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