



Third Annual Mentoring Poster Contest

Deadline:

May 23, 2008

Theme:

Who's Your Mentor?

A mentor can be anyone in your life that helps you and guides you in making good decisions about the life you lead.

Think about how your mentor has helped you toward becoming a better person and create a poster that shows what it means to be one who is fair, responsible, respectful or trustworthy.

Use your imagination to create an original work of art expressing this theme as a way to thank your mentor for helping you in your life.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three posters in each age category, *elementary school, middle school and high school*, that express this theme in the most original and creative way. Each entrant will receive a certificate of participation.

Who Are We? Why This Contest?

The Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County, in cooperation with The Anne Arundel Mentoring Roundtable (AAMR), is sponsoring this poster contest to heighten awareness of the importance of mentoring our young.

The Volunteer Center is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization connecting people and resources through volunteerism to create a vibrant community of service in Anne Arundel County. The Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County is a member of the Points of Light Foundation/Volunteer Center National Network.

The Anne Arundel Mentoring Roundtable's mission is to increase the number of Anne Arundel County youth in quality mentoring relationships with wise, trustworthy and caring adults for the purpose of raising self-esteem, enhancing career options, and empowering youth in positive ways.

Criteria for Posters

- This contest is open to all school age youth in Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis who are in a mentored relationship or may seek such a relationship.
- Posters must incorporate creative and original artwork and ideas.
- Participants must create a poster that presents a clear and positive message about mentoring or their mentor.
- **Posters must be 16"x 20"**.
- Do not laminate or mount posters on stiff matting, cardboard or other material. We should be able to roll up each poster. We plan to scan and print the winning entries.
- Do not staple, glue or tape entry forms to the backs of posters (paperclips are fine).
- Please do not include the name of any organization in the poster.
- If you wish to include someone's name in the poster, please use only the first name.
- You may use different kinds of media to create your poster as long as it does not prevent us from rolling up the poster. This includes paints, charcoal, pastel, pen and ink, markers, photographs, etc.
- Do not include 'brand' or 'product' names or other copyrighted material.
- **Failure to comply with these guidelines may disqualify the poster from consideration for an award.**

Judging

Winners will be determined based on originality, creativity and interpretation of the theme "Who's Your Mentor?"

Submitting Posters

A completed Poster Contest Entry Form and Authorized Release Form must accompany each entry. We must receive posters **no later than** May 23, 2008.

Ship or hand-deliver posters to:

The Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County

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If you have any questions please contact Fred Walden at The Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County, (410) 897-9207.

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