



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE POSTER

2026-2027

Harmony in Humanity

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST
Official Club Contest Guide & Rules

YOUR OFFICIAL PEACE POSTER KIT

This kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one contest at a school or organized, sponsored youth group.

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-1)**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules* (PPC-2)**
- **Participant Flyer* (PPC-3)** for your club to fill in the blanks, duplicate and give to each participating student to take home
- **Winner Sticker (PPC-4)** for your club to complete and place on back of the winning poster
- **Achievement Award (PPC-5)** and **Certificate of Appreciation (PPC-6)** for contest winner and sponsored school or youth group

***Please provide only the Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-2) and the Participant Flyer (PPC-3) to your club's contact at the participating school or youth group. The club retains all other items in the kit.**

Now you're ready to get started. Have fun, and good luck!

Harmony in Humanity

Thank you for sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest! This contest is a wonderful opportunity for your club to work with youth in your community to promote peace, tolerance and international understanding. It encourages young people, ages 11 to 13, to think about peace, creatively express what it means to them and share their unique visions with the world.

6 EASY STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONTEST

1. Connect with Your School or Youth Group

Get in touch with an area school or organized, sponsored youth group early to allow enough time for planning. Once you have confirmed their participation:

- Provide the school or youth group contact with the **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**. Add your Peace Poster Contest chairperson's name and phone number in the spaces provided.
- Let the school and/or youth group contact know that you and your club are there to help!

Expand your contest! Involve your club members in identifying schools and youth groups to participate in the contest. Your club can sponsor more than one school or youth group—or multiple contests within the same school or youth group (i.e., one per grade level)—**but a Peace Poster Contest kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored.**

To place your order for Peace Poster Contest Kits, visit the Lions Shop at shop.lionsclubs.org and Search "Peace Poster Kit." The price is \$11.95 USD each. Kits are available from January 15 to October 1.

Digital Download - Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK1D). Save on shipping fees and receive immediate access to all kit components via email.

If you want to purchase a physical kit, please select the Peace Poster Kit (PPK1) from the Shop. **Shipping charges will be applied**

2. Notify Your District Governor of Your Club's Participation

Email or call your club's district governor immediately to let them know that your club is participating in the contest. Be sure to confirm the deadline dates and when the district judging will be held.

3. Arrange Contest Judging

Discuss how the judging will be handled with your school or youth group contact. Work together to identify an individual, such as the school principal, youth group leader, local artist, club representative or a panel of judges to select one winning poster for each contest sponsored by your club.

Judges are asked to evaluate posters on three criteria: **originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "Harmony in Humanity."**

Posters selected to advance to the next level of judging must meet all the requirements as outlined in the Contest Rules & Conditions. **Posters not meeting these specifications will be disqualified.**

4. Advance Your Club's Winning Poster to the Next Level of Judging

After the winning poster is selected, forward it on to the next level of judging. If your club has sponsored multiple contests, you need to advance one winning poster for each contest (per kit purchased).

- Complete sections I and II on the **Winner Sticker (PPC-4)**. (Section I includes a signature line for parent or guardian consent.) Affix the sticker to the back, lower right-hand corner of the poster. **Posters without the completed Winner Stickers will be disqualified.** Reproductions of the sticker are not permitted.

• **DIGITAL KIT DOWNLOAD ONLY:** In the email confirmation you have received, you will find a **unique license key**, per kit purchased. Please retain this information to include on the Winner Sticker (PPC-4) under the field "**License Key**". Print this sticker and affix it to the back, lower right-hand corner of the poster. Posters without the completed Winner Sticker will be disqualified.

- Take a photo of the winning poster for your club's publicity purposes, as well as to have a record of the student's artwork.
- To ensure that the poster arrives at the next level of judging in good condition, roll it and send it in a mailing tube. **Do not fold the poster.**
- Lions International Headquarters does not reimburse clubs for the cost of postage or shipping.
- Send the poster to your district governor for district judging. Entries must be postmarked on or before November 15, 2026. (If your club is not districted, forward the poster to Brand & Creative at International Headquarters by December 1, 2026.) Use express mail service when possible.
- Follow up with your district governor to make sure they received your club's poster. Winning entries submitted after the due date will be disqualified.

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5. Recognize and Award Your Contest Winners

You'll find certificates for the club contest winner and participating school or youth group in this kit. Honorable mention certificates are available to print at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter.

Your club may offer additional prizes and even consider holding a special award ceremony during a club meeting or at the participating school or youth group location. If so, discuss this with the school or youth group contact. Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to an award ceremony where he or she will receive US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an award. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by club president) are invited to accompany the winner to the award ceremony.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** will each receive US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

6. Promote Your Contest Winner

Publicity brings recognition to your club, the school or youth group and participants. In addition, it creates community support and awareness of your club's activities.

- Raise awareness about the Peace Poster Contest and celebrate your contest winners on your social channels. Download social media graphics and customizable templates, **Peace Contest Social Media Kits** are available at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter. Tag your posts! [#peaceposter](https://twitter.com/peaceposter)
- Prepare a press release on your club's letterhead announcing the winner. Download the **Peace Poster Winner Press Release** template at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter. Send a photograph of the contest winner and their winning poster with the press release to the editor/reporter of the features or community section of your local newspaper(s). Be sure to photograph the poster before advancing it to the next judging level. Keep a photograph for the club and student's records.

If your club or the school is hosting a special award ceremony for the winner, work with your school contacts to invite your local media to attend.

- Update the media and your social channels if your club's entry advances to the multiple district or international judging levels.
- Make arrangements to exhibit the local contest entries in a public library, community center, festival or other public area.

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In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Peace Poster Contests sponsored by Lions International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions International.

Lions International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.



CONTEST DEADLINES

January 15, 2026

Kits go on sale on the Lions Shop website: shop.lionsclubs.org

October 1, 2026

Deadline to purchase kits.

November 15, 2026

Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor. **Note:** Club must notify district governor in advance of its participation and to confirm the date of the district judging..

December 1, 2026

Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning poster to the multiple district council chairperson.

December 1, 2026

Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative at International Headquarters.

December 1, 2026

Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to Brand & Creative at Lions International Headquarters.

December 15, 2026

Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to Brand & Creative at Lions International Headquarters.

February 1, 2027

Club presidents of international winners will be notified on or before this date.

Note: Entries that do not meet deadlines will be disqualified.

CONTEST RULES & CONDITIONS

Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified:

- The contest's theme is "Harmony in Humanity."
- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. **Note:** The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their schools or other organized youth groups.
- The contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2026. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2012 through November 15, 2015.
- Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- All artwork must be the individual student's original creation and without the use of AI generated art.
- Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.
- Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
- The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.
- Artwork should be done on a flexible material so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact:

Lions International
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA
Telephone: (630) 203-3812
Email: peaceposter@lionsclubs.org

To view grand prize and merit award posters,
download a video or get contest information, visit lionsclubs.org/peaceposter.



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Inspire young people to showcase their talent

Create memories that will last a lifetime

Imagine more than 600,000 children sharing their visions of peace

THAT'S WHAT THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST DOES.

Lions International Peace Poster Contest is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11 to 13, to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2026-2027 contest theme is "Harmony in Humanity." This contest allows students to share their unique images of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.

Thank you for your participation!

Your Lions club contact is:

(name)

(phone number)

(email)

FANTASTIC AWARDS!

At the local level, the contest winner will be recognized by your sponsoring Lions club. Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

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CONTEST JUDGING

Posters are evaluated on three criteria at each level of judging: **originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "Harmony in Humanity."**

Work with your sponsoring Lions club to determine how and when the judging will be held. Only one poster can be selected, per contest sponsored, to advance to the next level of judging. It is important that the poster selected to advance to the next level of judging meets all the requirements of the Contest Rules & Conditions.

Once the winning poster is selected from your school or youth group, your sponsoring Lions club will forward it on to the next levels of judging (postmark deadline is November 15).

The winner's parent or legal guardian's signature is required on a sticker held by the club.

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BRINGING PEACE TO THE WORLD, THROUGH ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Congratulations! Your son or daughter is creating a work of art that depicts what peace is by participating in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

The _____

Lions Club is sponsoring the contest at

(school or youth group name)

By entering this contest, your child is joining more than 600,000 children from around the world in sharing his or her vision of world peace. The contest is open to children who will be 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2026. Contestants are asked to create a poster that visually communicates the contest's theme, "Harmony in Humanity." This event offers an opportunity for you and others to discuss what peace looks like from the eyes of your child.

FANTASTIC AWARDS!

One international grand prize winner will receive US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an award. In addition, the grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president are invited to attend an award ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

WHO ARE WE?

Lions International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.4 million members in more than 48,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. In addition to our efforts toward conquering blindness, we have also made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world.

NEED MORE INFO?

To view the finalist posters or to download a video, visit the Lions International website at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter. Share your child's artwork on social media with [#peaceposter](https://twitter.com/peaceposter).



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1. Student Information (to be completed by club)

Winner's Name _____
(First) (Last)

Age _____ Birth Date _____
Day/Month/Year

School _____ Grade _____

Youth Group Name _____

Email _____

Number of Contest Participants _____

Student's Street Address _____

City, State, Country _____

Postal or Zip Code _____

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the contest, I agree to allow Lions International to use my child's name (listed above), photographs and artwork for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, I understand that if selected the international grand prize winner, my child and two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) will receive a trip to an award ceremony. All posters become the property of Lions International upon receipt and cannot be returned.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Print or Type Name _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Cell Phone* _____

**Reproductions of this Winner Sticker
are not permitted.**

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WINNER STICKER

Attach this sticker to lower right-hand corner on back of winning entry.

Please type or print clearly. All signatures are required.

*For phone include area code in the U.S.; include country and city codes outside the U.S.

2. Lions Club Information (to be completed by club)

Club Name _____

Club Number _____ District Number _____

President _____

Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or Zip Code _____

DIGITAL KIT DOWNLOAD ONLY - License Key (13 alpha-numeric characters)

Club President's Signature _____

3. District Information (to be completed by district)

District Governor _____

Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or Zip Code _____

District Governor's Signature _____

4. Multiple District Information (to be completed by multiple district)

Multiple District Council Chairperson _____

Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or Zip Code _____



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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PRESENTED TO

for winning the local competition
in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Club President

Principal or Supervisor

Date





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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

RECOGNIZES

(School/Youth Group) for participating in the
Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Club President

Contest Chairperson

Date



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ESSAY CONTEST RULES

PEACE ESSAY

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Your club can sponsor visually-impaired students in the Lions International Essay Contest!

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines, and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2026. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2012 through November 15, 2015. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Harmony in Humanity."

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, or individuals may be sponsored as well.
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words, submitted in English, typewritten in black ink and double spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be disqualified, and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

DEADLINES

November 15, 2026 – Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor. **Note:** A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry and confirm the date of the district judging at that time.

December 1, 2026 – Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry directly to Brand & Creative at Lions International.

December 1, 2026 – Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the multiple district council chairperson. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to Brand & Creative at Lions International (postmarked by December 1).

December 15, 2026 – Postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to Brand & Creative at Lions International.

February 1, 2027 – Club presidents of international winners will be notified on or before this date.

PROMOTE YOUR CONTEST WINNER

- Raise awareness of the Peace Essay Contest and celebrate your contest winner on your social channels. Download social media graphics and customizable templates, **Peace Contest Social Media Kits** are available at lionsclubs.org/peaceessay. Tag your posts! [#peaceessay](https://twitter.com/peaceessay)
- Prepare a press release on your club's letterhead announcing the winner. Download the **Peace Essay Winner Press Release** template at lionsclubs.org/peaceessay. Send a photograph of the contest winner and their winning essay with the press release to the editor/reporter of the features or community section of your local newspaper(s). Keep a copy of the essay for the club and student's records.
- If your club or the school is hosting a special award ceremony for the winner, work with your school contacts to invite your local media to attend.
- Update the media and your social channels if your club's entry advances to the multiple district or international judging levels.

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In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Essay Contests sponsored by Lions International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions International.

Lions International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

Mailing address:

Essay Contest, Brand & Creative
Lions International
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

Email: peaceposter@lionsclubs.org

(The words "Lions Essay Contest" must appear in the subject line of the e-mail.)

ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please type or print clearly. All information and signatures are required.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Winner's Name _____

Essay Title _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____
Day/Month/Year

School _____ Grade _____

Phone* _____

Email _____

Student's Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or Zip Code _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature _____

2. LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name _____

Club Number _____ District Number _____

President Name _____

Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or Zip Code _____

Club President's Signature _____

3. DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Governor _____

Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

District Governor's Signature _____

4. MULTIPLE DISTRICT INFORMATION

Multiple District Council Chairperson _____

Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

Council Chairperson's Signature _____

*Include area code in the U.S. or country and city codes outside the U.S.