

## ***Forward, Together Children’s Poster Contest***

The *Forward, Together* poster contest provides children an opportunity to increase awareness about how Kentuckians came together and got through many hard times over the past four years – from the pandemic to devastating natural disasters and many challenges in between – and how we are now getting to the good times together.

“Over the past four years, Kentuckians have met each challenge with love, compassion and empathy for one another, and that is exactly how we must approach the next four years,” said Gov. Andy Beshear and First Lady Brittainy Beshear. “We cannot wait to see how our school-aged children envision this theme and what they think we can accomplish when we move forward by working together.”

The winners and their families, along with school representatives, will be invited to the Capitol on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, where the Beshears will recognize them as part of the inaugural celebration. The winning artwork will also be framed and on display in the Capitol during this time.

### **Contest Theme**

Ask a child to think about how Kentucky has met recent challenges – from the pandemic to devastating natural disasters and many challenges in between – with love, compassion and empathy for each other, and then ask them to imagine what all Kentuckians can accomplish in the future by continuing to work together. Ask them to draw a picture of the goal they want to see Kentuckians accomplish!

### **Poster Contest Submission Directions**

Posters should be submitted, unframed on paper no larger than 12 by 16 inches and include a completed entry form ([Word](#) or [PDF](#)) attached to the back of the poster. **All entries must be postmarked by Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, and mailed to:**

Kentucky State Capitol  
ATTN: Poster Contest Panel  
700 Capitol Ave., Suite 112  
Frankfort, KY. 40601

### **Age Groups**

A panel of judges, including Brittainy Beshear, will judge all entries anonymously and select one winner from each age category. Two overall winners will be selected for having the most colorful and most creative posters.

Ages 6-9  
Ages 10-13  
Ages 14-17

### **Contest Rules**

Posters should be submitted on paper no larger than 12 by 16 inches and include a completed Entry Form. Please do not frame and please, no computer-generated artwork. Please use color crayons, watercolor, acrylic, oil, permanent markers, felt-tip pens, soft ballpoint pens, colored pencils or permanent ink. Please do not use nonpermanent mediums, like charcoal. By sending in a poster, it will become the property of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and it will not be returned. It may be displayed in state buildings, publications or other promotions.

### **Judging Criteria**

- Clear and creative expression of the theme
- Excellence in art and text
- Follows contest rules

### **Eligibility**

All Kentucky children can participate. However, members of the judges’ family are ineligible.

### **Questions**

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