

The Ocean County Board of Commissioners Presents:

**Celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ocean County**  
**Poster Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students**

**General Rules and Regulations**

- 1. The contest is open to all 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, residing or attending school in Ocean County.**
- 2. Theme: Please design a poster based off of the following prompt:**

*“As we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our county, take a moment to think about what makes Ocean County a great place to live! Show us your favorite locations, local landmarks, activities, and/or foods that make Ocean County a special place to be a kid!”*

- 3. Only one submission per school will be submitted.** All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Ocean County can create a poster if they wish. Each class will vote on 1 poster to send forward as representative of their class. Posters should be judged by the Principal of the school to choose the best from that selection. Each school will send **one poster to enter the contest** as representative of their school.
- 4. Only one submission per school will be accepted.**
- 5. The poster image must be attached to an email submitted to [kkosa@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:kkosa@co.ocean.nj.us) no later than 5PM on November 1, 2025.** Principals will attach a high quality jpeg, at least 2 mgs/600 dpi; in the file name, include the name of the school and township the entry is from. Your subject line should read: “175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ocean County Poster Contest Submission”; in the body of the email, include the Principal's name, phone number where we can reach you during the school day, and a direct contact email. The student's contact information/release form should also be attached to the email. We cannot accept any submissions for the poster selected from your school without this form.
- 6. Posters must be completed on a 22”x 28” piece of poster board. Any drawing medium may be used.**
- 7. Posters will be judged by panel on the following categories: Creativity and Originality, Connection to the theme, Artistic Quality, and Impact and Message.**
- 8. By virtue of submission, the participant gives permission to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners to publish the work on the respective County Facebook pages for public voting for the contest.** A judging panel will narrow down the submission to the top 10 choices, and those 10 posters will be posted on the respective County Facebook pages for public voting for a maximum of FOUR days. Winners will be determined by the number of votes received: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded.
- 9. Prizes are as follows: Gift Certificates to Blick Art Materials in the amounts of: \$175 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$75 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.** Winners will receive notice if they won by email. They will be invited to receive their prize at a future Ocean County Board of Commissioners meeting, to be determined. All winners will be asked to participate in a reception at a later time to celebrate their accomplishments, to be announced. Please bring your poster to both events.
- 10. Terms and conditions subject to change without notice.**
- 11. Decision of judges is final.**
- 12. For more information or any other questions, please contact: Kristen Kosa at [kkosa@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:kkosa@co.ocean.nj.us).**

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Student Contact Information/Facebook Contest Release

Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

The participants' parent/guardian must sign and agree to the below statement:

"By submitting an entry to the Ocean County Board of Commissioner's poster contest, participants and their guardians consent to the publication of the student's first name and school on official Ocean County Government Facebook pages, to be determined. These details will be shared as part of the contest's promotion, where the public will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite poster for FOUR days. The voting process will help determine the winner, and by entering the contest, participants agree to this publicity and acknowledge that their information may be publicly displayed in connection with the contest."

Parent/Guardian printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTENTION ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

### [Celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Ocean County Poster Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders](#)

**Dear Principal,**

We are excited to invite your 5th and 6th grade students to participate in a special celebration of Ocean County's 175th Anniversary! The Ocean County Board of Commissioners is hosting a poster contest, and we would love for your students to join us in commemorating this milestone. This contest gives young artists the chance to express what makes our county such a wonderful place to live and grow.

The theme for this contest is: *"As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of our county, take a moment to think about what makes Ocean County a great place to live! Show us your favorite locations, local landmarks, activities, and/or foods that make Ocean County a special place to be a kid!"* Students are encouraged to showcase their favorite aspects of Ocean County through artistic representation. Whether it's a local beach, a popular park, or a favorite family tradition on the boardwalk, we want to see their creativity shine through.

The contest is open to all 5th and 6th grade students who live or attend school in Ocean County. Submissions should be on 22"x28" white poster board, and any drawing medium can be used. Please note, that schools will submit one image of a poster from a student for judging. All submissions must be emailed by November 1, 2025. For further details on the rules and regulations, please refer to the official guidelines.

The prizes for this contest are sure to excite your students! The top three posters will each win a Blick Art Materials Gift Card: \$175 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, and \$75 for 3rd place. The top 10 posters will be selected by a panel of judges, and the final winners will be chosen by votes on the County Government's Facebook pages. Winners will be notified by email.

We hope you will encourage your students to participate and share their unique perspectives on Ocean County. We can't wait to see their artistic interpretations of what makes our county such a special place. Thank you for supporting this exciting opportunity for your students to showcase their talents and pride in our community!

Sincerely,  
The Ocean County Board of Commissioners