

## **The Pennsylvanians for Fair Funding Poster Contest**

is designed to encourage eligible PA school students to use their creativity to create their own posters advocating for Implementation of the Fair Funding Formula in PA at 100% (rather than the small percentage currently put through the formula.) Students across Pennsylvania are not receiving the education funding they need and deserve. This MUST change. One of the most powerful ways to advocate for change is to simply tell our story. This opportunity will help students share their personal perspective about how inequitable education funding harms them. Contestants in upper elementary, middle, and high school can submit artwork that calls attention to the educational inequities they are facing.

**SPONSOR:** The Contest is sponsored by **Pennsylvanians for Fair Funding**

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible to enter the Contest, an Entrant must: (a) be a current resident of Pennsylvania. (i.e. must be able to show proof of permanent legal residence); and (b) be enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school (grades K-12) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and (c) have obtained a parent's or legal guardian's permission..Minors who enter must have the written consent of a parent or legal guardian in order to be eligible to receive any prizes by signing the official entry form. Contest is void where prohibited by law. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.

**CONTEST PERIOD:** The Contest The contest will be open for entries from April 8th-30th. We prefer the entries be submitted digitally to [pafairfunding@gmail.com](mailto:pafairfunding@gmail.com) , but if they need to be mailed they must arrive no later than May 7th and an email indicating a submission is in the email must be received by April 30th. The physical mailing address is **554 Belmont St Pottstown, PA 19464.** Entries received without a completed Entry Form or without a parent's or legal guardian's signature will be disqualified. All entries will be deemed made by the Entrant submitted at the time of entry. They must not be derogatory, offensive, threatening, defamatory, disparaging, libellous or contain any content that is inappropriate, indecent, sexual, profane, tortuous, slanderous, discriminatory in any way, or that promotes hatred or harm against any group or person, or otherwise does not comply with the theme and spirit of the Contest

## HOW TO ENTER:

- LIMIT ONE (1) ENTRY PER STUDENT. Subsequent entries will be disqualified.
- Each poster must be the original work of one student
- Posters should measure no larger than 12 X 18 inches and not smaller than 8.5 x 11 inches.
- Bold colors, clear artwork, and easy-to-read messages are best.
- No 3D or raised pieces are allowed.
- All posters must be the student's original, creative artwork, including illustrations, images, or quotations. Depictions of cartoon, video game, movie, television, or theme characters, or recreations of past poster designs do not constitute creativity or originality. ABSOLUTELY NO COPYRIGHTED images, figures, or wording are to be used.
- Each poster must be accompanied by the Official Entry Form. Please include the hard copy form with a mailed poster. Digital Entries should include a scanned entry form.
- Any mixed media suitable for reproduction as a poster is allowed, including computer-generated graphics. Posters must be two-dimensional. If submitting a traditional painting or drawing, or multi-media piece, it should be scanned and submitted as a 300 dpi JPG or PDF.
- Digital Entries should be submitted as a **300 dpi JPG or PDF**.
- "Hard Copy" Posters may be mailed via USPS. The artwork AND entry form must be mailed in an envelope (packaged carefully so it won't be damaged) with proper postage affixed, to the following mailing address: **Pennsylvanians for Fair Funding, 554 Belmont St Pottstown, PA 19464.**

**JUDGING:** The panel of judges, composed of artists from around the state, will judge on the week of May 9-15. The Art will be on display online and able to be voted for the Voters Choice Award between May 9-20. Judges will choose the winning entries, and prizes will be awarded in accordance with these Official Rules. Contest Judges are not responsible for illegible or incorrectly submitted entries made via the digital upload tool. Decisions of the judges are final and binding. In the event there are not enough eligible entries, not all prizes will be awarded. If a potential winner is unable for whatever reason to accept their prize, then the Sponsor reserves the right to award the prize to another entrant.

**CRITERIA:** Each entry will be evaluated and scored based on the following "Criteria":

- visual impact
- artistic skills and Craftsmanship
- creativity and originality
- communication of the Contest theme through the visual elements (considering the representation of the Contest theme “Fair Funding of PA Public Schools”)

Using the above Criteria, there will be several levels to the judging process, which are discussed below. There will be Four (4) levels of judging that will result in Winners at each of the following levels. Tie-breaker: In the event of a tie at any level of judging, the judges will re-evaluate the tied entries according to the Criteria until the tie is broken but no later than 48 hours after a tie.

**PRIZES:** 1st and 2nd place will be determined by judges and a Voter’s Choice award will be determined by online votes via the online platform. Prizes will be \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd, and \$300 for voter’s choice at each grade level.

### **GRADE LEVELS:**

- 3rd-5th grade
- 6-8th grade
- 9-12th grade

### **Notification of Winners**

Winners will be announced on Saturday, May 21st. The announcement will be made on both Pennsylvanian’s for Fair Funding website and our social media pages. Winners will be notified by e-mail and/or phone and will be required to respond within three (3) business days of the date of its issuance. In the event that a response to any contact method (e-mail, phone call/message) is not received within three (3) business days of date of its issuance or winner is not in compliance with these Official Rules, the prize may be forfeited and awarded to the next runner up. Winners are subject to validation and verification of eligibility and compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in the contest rules.

**ELIMINATION:** Entrants agree and acknowledge that personal data submitted with an entry, including name, mailing address, phone number, and email address may be collected and used by the sponsor and its affiliates for the purposes of conducting and administering the Contest as well as

promoting the objective of “Fair Funding for Public Schools in Pennsylvania via press and media (including social media) Any false information provided within the context of the Contest by Entrant concerning identity, mailing address, telephone number, email address, ownership of right or non-compliance with these Rules or the like may result in the immediate elimination of the entrant from the Contest.

**BINDING AGREEMENT:** In order to enter the Contest, you must agree to the Rules. Therefore, please read these Rules prior to entry to ensure you understand and agree. You agree that submission of an entry in the Contest constitutes agreement to these Rules. You may not submit an entry to the Contest and are not eligible to receive the prizes described in these Rules unless you agree to these Rules. **GENERAL CONDITIONS:** All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any Entrant from the Contest if, in their sole discretion, it reasonably believes that the Entrant has attempted to undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest by cheating, deception, or other unfair playing practices or annoys, abuses, threatens or harasses any other entrants or the Judges. Entrants warrant that their Poster Submissions are their own original work and, as such, they are the sole and exclusive owner and rights holder of the submitted artwork. To the maximum extent permitted by law, Entrant indemnifies and agrees to keep indemnified Sponsor at all times from and against any liability, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs and expenses resulting from any act, default or omission of the Entrant. To the maximum extent permitted by law, Entrant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Sponsor from and against any and all claims, actions, suits or proceedings, as well as any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees) arising out of or accruing from: (i) any entry or other material uploaded or otherwise provided by Entrant that infringes any copyright, trademark, trade secret, trade dress, patent or other intellectual property right of any person or defames any person or violates their rights of publicity or privacy; (ii) any misrepresentation made by Entrant in connection with the Contest; (iii) any non-compliance by Entrant with these Rules; (iv) claims brought by persons or entities other than the parties to these Rules arising from or related to Entrant's involvement with the Contest; (v) acceptance, possession, misuse or use of any prize or participation in any Contest-related activity or participation in the Contest; (vi) any malfunction or other problem with the Contest Site in relation to the entry and participation in the Contest by Entrant; (vii) any error in the collection, processing, or retention of entry or voting information in relation to the entry and

participation in the Contest by Entrant and in the voting process by consumers; or (viii) any typographical or other error in the printing, offering or announcement of any prize or winners in relation to the entry and participation in the Contest by Entrant.