



Youth as Humane Educators



Contest Submission Guidelines

Please read the contest rules and submission policies below to ensure successful participation!

Poster Submissions

Open to children in the following categories:

K – 2 grade 3 – 5 grade 6 – 8 grade 9 – 12 grade

Poster must address the contest theme, include both text and artwork, and be at least 8x12" and no larger than 11x17" in size.

Any form of artistic medium on the poster is welcomed, including graphic arts and photography.

Poster must be comprised of original work. No copyrighted logos, photos, graphic art, etc., except copyrighted works used for the purpose of critiquing their role within the animal welfare/rights field or logos from a participating organization/school and NHES.

Poster entries must be submitted with a completed contest Registration and Permission Release form.

Essay Submissions

Open to children in the following categories:

3 – 5 grade 6 – 8 grade
100 – 300 words 300 – 500 words

9 – 12 grade
500 – 700 words

Essay must address the contest theme in an essay-style format and be original work. Citation or quotes should be referenced as applicable.

Essays must be typed; grammar and spelling count.

Essay entries must be submitted with a completed contest Registration and Permission Release form.

PSA Film Submissions

Open to children in the following categories:

3 – 5 grade 6 – 8 grade 9 – 12 grade
30 to 90 seconds 60 to 120 seconds 90 to 180 seconds

PSA film must address the contest theme in PSA-style format and include a typed transcript.

Submit PSA in high quality, digital format on a labeled DVD. Include adult contact name and DVD title on label.

PSA must be comprised of original work. No copyrighted music, logos, photos, graphic art, etc. This includes logos that may appear on clothing or foreground/background props. Exceptions include copyrighted works used for the purpose of critiquing their role within the animal welfare/rights field and logos from a participating organization, school, or NHES.

PSA entries must be submitted with a completed contest Registration and Permission Release form.

See Rules & Regulations for further information on contest participation.



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Theme & Deadline

The Youth as Humane Educators contest runs twice yearly with a new theme each session.

Please read the most current contest theme and deadline information at www.nhes.org.

All entries must address contest theme and be postmarked by contest deadline to qualify.

Judging Entries

Contest entries are judged by the NHES Humane Educators as well as other NHES staff based on several criteria, including:

- Follows contest theme
- High-quality message and content
- Originality and creativity

Winners & Prizes

Winners are announced following the end of each contest twice yearly.

Winners' names, ages, and school/organization are posted along with samples of work.

One prize is awarded per winning place and will be mailed to address provided on the Registration form.

Prizes include certificate of recognition, national recognition on the NHES website, animal welfare posters and books, and more!

Rules & Regulations

The Youth as Humane Educators contest is open to participants in Kindergarten through 12th grade (maximum age of 18 years).

Entries can be made by individuals or groups.
One entry *per* individual or group *per* contest theme.

(Teachers/educators: more than one submission by different individuals and groups can be sent in together.)

All entries must be submitted by mail, and postmarked no later than end of contest deadline.

All entries become property of NHES and are not returned.

Any works submitted without a completed Registration and Permission Release form will not be considered.

Entry Checklist

Reviewed Contest Submission Guidelines to ensure submission meets criteria.

Have completed Registration form(s) with names of each entry participant.

Have completed Permission Release form(s) for each entry participant.

Attached forms to my contest entry prior to mailing.

Made a personal copy of my submission prior to mailing original.

Questions?

If you would like educational resources for the contest theme or have questions about the contest, please email at education@nhes.org or call 304-725-0506.