



Governor's Council on Disability Disability Employment Awareness Month Poster Contest

Poster Submission Guidelines

Eligibility and Media:

In recognition of [National Disability Employment Awareness Month \(NDEAM\)](#), every October the [Governor's Council on Disability](#) (GCD) takes the opportunity recognize an outstanding Missouri artist for conveying the importance of employment inclusion through his or her artwork. The winning artwork will be featured in the Missouri NDEAM poster, which is used throughout the state to spark conversations about the employment of Missourians with disabilities and their valuable contributions to the workforce. Submissions shall be visual art that relates to the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in employment. Entries will be accepted from any Missouri resident.

The winning artist will have their work featured as the centerpiece of the current year's Missouri NDEAM poster, which will be promoted and distributed statewide.

The poster will be displayed in the Governor's Council on Disability's annual Disability Employment Awareness Month exhibit in Jefferson City and in state government offices around the State of Missouri during the month of October. In addition, the poster will be featured on the GCD's website and Social Media pages, as well as the GCD newsletter and annual report.

Original 2D art (paintings or drawings) in all media are eligible. The Governor's Council on Disability will have the final authority as to what constitutes an acceptable entry.

Entries:

The artwork (no larger than 12 x 16 inches) entry can be submitted by U.S. mail to the following address:

NDEAM Poster
Governor's Council on Disability
301 West High Street, Room 620
PO Box 1668
Jefferson City, MO 65102

There is no entry fee, but all entries must be accompanied by the required entry form completed in full and signed by the entrant. No more than one entry per artist, please.

The deadline for submitting entries is August 31, 2026. Artwork entries must be received by the deadline to be eligible to win.

Jurors:

GCD will select a team of volunteer judges representing the Council and state departments. They will collectively determine the winner based on criteria including originality, visual interest, and skillful use of materials. The winning artist will be notified upon final decision of the Governor's Council on Disability.



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Terms:

- Entries will only be accepted from Missouri residents. A completed Entry Form must be submitted along with the artwork.
- The artwork will become the property of the Governor's Council on Disability and will not be returned to the artist.
- An entry to this contest constitutes full agreement on the part of the artist to all conditions outlined in the submission guidelines.
- The original art will be reproduced for use in the current year's Missouri NDEAM poster, including a statement and information about the artist. There will be no monetary compensation for the winner.
- The winning artist grants the Governor's Council on Disability permission to reproduce his or her artwork for non-profit distribution of the Missouri NDEAM poster.
- The GCD will have final authority to define what constitutes an acceptable entry.
- Copies of the poster will be distributed and promoted statewide, in order to increase awareness of disability issues and the importance of employment inclusion of people with disabilities.

For questions or more information, contact:

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