



Announcing the 1st

Youth Thumb Region Poster, Essay & Oratorical Contest

“Marijuana & Alcohol – Impact On Health”

PURPOSE: The 1st “Youth Thumb Region Poster, Essay & Oratorical Contest” seeks to promote the ability of Thumb Region students (between the 7th and 12th grades) to either provide a speech, write an essay or graphically represent key issues related to health and wellness. Contestants will choose one (1) area [oratorical video, essay or poster] to craft a submission that directly and persuasively addresses the contest topic. The contest is sponsored by Thumb Region Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

TOPIC: “What negative health effects does Marijuana and Alcohol have on the brain and body?”

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Contestants must be in grades 7 – 12. Students having graduated high school before 9/1/2021 are not eligible.
2. Contestants must have their legal residence in either Tuscola, Huron or Sanilac County, MI.
3. Contestants may be in a public, parochial, private or home-school setting.

DEADLINE & SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Submissions must be received via email before 12:00 midnight **December 31** (EST) to the following email address: thumbregioncontest@gmail.com. Submissions received outside of this timeframe will be disqualified. All items in your category of choice must be submitted via email.

Items To Submit	Oratorical Contest	Essay Contest	Poster Contest
Application	✓	✓	✓
Essay*		✓	
Video^	✓		
Poster / Info-graphic~			✓

* Essays must be emailed in **PDF** format \ ^ Videos must be uploaded to **Youtube.com**, with a **link** to the video sent to the contest email \ ~ Posters must be saved as a **high resolution JPG** file (300 pixels per inch) or as a **PDF** file, and then emailed.

AWARDS: In total, \$10,000 in prize money will be awarded across the three contest categories.

	Poster Contest	Essay Contest	Oratorical Contest
1st Place	\$500.⁰⁰	\$1,500.⁰⁰	\$2,500.⁰⁰
2nd Place	\$375.⁰⁰	\$1,000.⁰⁰	\$1,875.⁰⁰
3rd Place	\$250.⁰⁰	\$500.⁰⁰	\$1,500.⁰⁰

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JUDGING: Award decisions in all three contest categories will be determined by submission: ¹originality and clarity of thought; ²evidence of knowledge of the topic; ³persuasiveness of argument or depiction; ⁴refinement of expression (i.e. use of appropriate words, rhetoric or graphic artistry); and ⁵preciseness of execution (i.e. correct grammar or effectiveness of visual artistic depictions). Contest winners will be announced in late January or early February, 2022.

CONTEST RULES:

Contestants may only submit one (1) entry. Therefore, contestants must choose the one contest category (oratorical, essay or poster) in which they will make a submission.

ORATORICAL SPECIFIC RULES:

1. Contestants are to videotape an original speech that directly addresses the contest topic.
2. The speech is to be 2 – 3 minutes in length. A contestant will be disqualified if the speech is timed to be less than 2 minutes or more than 3 minutes in length. [Contestants are urged to use as much of the 3 minute allowable time as needed to make a persuasive and substantive argument].
3. Appropriate gestures are allowed. Props are not allowed.
4. The style should be appropriate to the message of the speech. A monotone presentation is not recommended.
5. The contestant should use up-to-date evidence-based factual information.
6. Although quotes to support a position or statement are appropriate, they may not dominate the speech, and should be appropriately cited.
7. The speech should appeal to a broad audience [i.e children as well as adults].

ESSAY SPECIFIC RULES:

1. Contestants are to write an original speech that directly addresses the contest topic.
2. The essay is to be limited to 1,000 words. A contestant will be disqualified if the essay exceeds this amount.
3. Citations should be placed in footnotes, endnotes or a bibliography, and are excluded from the word count.
4. The contestant should use up-to-date evidence-based factual information.
5. Although quotes to support a position or statement are appropriate, they may not dominate the essay, and should be appropriately cited.
6. The essay should appeal to a broad audience [i.e children as well as adults].

POSTER SPECIFIC RULES:

1. Contestants are to create an original infographic or poster, which may be computer generated, graphically designed or hand drawn.
2. The infographic or poster must be 8.5"x11" in size.
3. Citations for all data and quotes should be placed as endnotes.
4. Bold colors, clear artwork and large easy-to-read messages should be considered when preparing your poster.
5. The contestant's artistry or graphic design should be informed by evidence-based factual information.
6. The poster should appeal to a broad audience [i.e children as well as adults]..

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APPLICATION FORM:

Contestant Name:	School:
Address:	City:
County of Residence (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Tuscola <input type="checkbox"/> Huron <input type="checkbox"/> Sanilac	
Zip Code:	DOB: / /
Email:	

SUBMISSION TYPE:

While there are three categories (oratorical, essay and poster) in this contest, I understand that I can make only one (1) submission to one of these categories. The one (1) category which I have chosen is:

Check ✓ only 1 box:

Oratorical

Essay

Poster

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that:

- 1) I have read the contest rules;
- 2) My video, essay or poster submission is my own work product;
- 3) I understand my video, essay or poster will not be returned to me and will become the property of the Thumb Region Poster, Essay & Oratorical Contest Committee to use at its discretion, and that the judge's decisions are final;
- 4) I am eligible to enter this contest, and if selected, able to be publicly recognized as a winner of this contest. This includes use of a head-shot of myself, on-line and in-print acknowledgement of the award, and any other recognition deemed appropriate during and after the event.

Contestant's signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

*I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in this contest –
in accordance with the rules and guidelines already stated:*

Parent or Guardian's signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____