

Montclair Black Coalition

Black History Month 2023 Poster Competition

The Montclair Black Coalition (MBC) is pleased to announce the 2023 Black History Month Poster Competition. All Montclair Township schools (5th -12th grade) and surrounding colleges are welcome to participate. This year's theme is "Unsung Heroes and Moments in History"

The Competition:

Art is a powerful way to tell a story and explore various topics. Through research and creativity, students will commemorate Black History Month and learn about the people and critical historical moments, where little may be known.

A panel of judges (MBC Black History Committee) will be rating the posters for the message, creativity, and originality.

Two (2) student winners at each grade level (elementary, middle, high school, college) will be awarded. The winning artworks will be displayed in storefronts of local businesses throughout March 2023.

Submission Guidelines:

Deadline - [Friday, January 20th, 5:00pm](#)

Where to Drop-off Your Poster Entry:

- Your School's Office
- The General Store at Cornerstone Montclair - 198 Bellevue Ave, Montclair
- Montclair Center BID – 26 Lackawanna Plaza, Montclair

What to Submit with Your Entry

 – Complete and attach the following:

- Entry Form - *Place Student Name, School, and Grade in the submission. Write name, grade and school on the back of poster*
- Permission Slip - *Parents/ Caregivers MUST grant permission to the students (5th - 12th grade)*

Poster Details

 – *What to include in your poster entry:*

- Posters must be original work, colorful, vibrant and can be sized to 8 ½ x 11 inches
- **Include the following details with your submission IF it's about a Person:**
 - Name, Birthdate, Date of Death, and Picture (if possible)

- Contribution to our American Society
- What did you learn during the contest/ Something you did not know prior to researching for this contest?
- **Include the following details with your submission IF it's about a Moment in History:**
 - Name, Time Period (from – to)
 - Impact on American Society
 - What did you learn during the contest/ Something you did not know prior to researching for this contest?

Judging Guidelines:

1. Posters will be judged on how effectively they express the contest's theme.
2. Does the poster illustrate, and support a Black or African American(s), OR a period in Black History?
3. Does the poster illustrate their contribution/ impact clearly and with artistic energy?
4. Is the poster colorful, creative, innovative, unique, and finished?
5. Does the poster have captions explaining who, what, and how the person or moment contributed to shaping history? Are the facts interesting and captivating?
6. Does the poster mention one NEW thing that the student learned during the contest?

Please contact Montclair Black Coalition (montclairblackcoalition@gmail.com) with questions.

About Montclair Black Coalition

We are a volunteer coalition of Black organizations and individuals focused on driving interconnected celebrations of Black culture and history within Montclair and the surrounding areas.

We aim to cultivate an environment where sustainable Black connections are made to support educational, historical, cultural, and charitable activities. We invite community members from all backgrounds to celebrate, learn and advocate alongside us.

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Student Competitor Information

Please submit this completed information with your poster submission

Student Name (First, Last): _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Entries must be received by Friday, January 20th, 2023.

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Poster Competition Permission Slip

I give Permission for _____ to enter the Montclair Black Coalition, Black History Month 2023 Poster Competition. I understand that participants' names, grade level and schools may be published.

Student Name (First, Last): _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/ Caregiver Name (First, Last): _____

Parent/ Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please include this permission slip with each entry. Thank you!

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