



Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is **"A Celebration of Peace."** Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners. International winners will be notified on or before February 1. One international grand prize winner will receive US \$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony. Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Shown in this photo are the art instructor and students from the Big Walnut Middle School who were selected for an award for this year's Peace Poster contest. Left to right are instructor Nancy Crawford, Kendall McClintuck runner up, first place winner Janel Hayes and Jaiden Hilton runner up. McIntuck and Hilton each received \$50 with Hayes receiving \$100. The Hayes poster has been forwarded for judging at the District level.