

# Contest Rules

## Theme: **I Am a Money Maker!**

**Eligibility:** The 2016 poster contest features three grade categories:

**Elementary:** 3rd - 5th grades

**Middle:** 6th - 9th grades

**High School:** 10th - 12th grades

**Specifications:** All posters must be between 8 1/2 " by 11" and 11" by 17" in size (11" by 17" is preferred) and must be submitted on white paper stock.

## Submission Deadline: **March 11, 2016**

Please send entries to: **Vermont State Treasurer**  
**Attention Poster Competition**  
109 State Street, 4th floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05609-6200

**Poster Labeling:** All posters must be labeled with the following information: (1) **Student's Name & Grade;** (2) **Student's School, Address, & Telephone Number;** (3) **Sponsoring Teacher's Name (if applicable);** (4) **Parent Name, Contact Phone Number, & E-mail.**

## 2016 Poster Contest Rules:

Posters will be judged on expression of theme (50%); artwork style and content (25%); and creativity (25%). All poster submissions become the property of the Office of the State Treasurer, which reserves the right to reproduce artwork and publish the names of all students entering, placing and being recognized in the honorable mention category of the competition. In years with an inadequate number of entries, judges reserve the right to decline to name a winner in a grade category.

## Contact:

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## Discussion Points for Teachers & Parents:

The theme for this year's contest will allow you to engage younger students in discussions regarding how money is earned. In what ways can a very young child earn money? In addition to jobs done for family and neighbors, younger children could collect bottles to recycle, help organize a yard sale to sell old or unused items or open a lemonade stand. Older students may be challenged to imagine what careers they might pursue and consider ideas for opening their own businesses.

**IMPORTANT:** Emphasize to students that their posters should illustrate how they are a money maker. Be sure and have students check the spelling of words on their posters. In a close contest, misspelled words can make a difference in the final judging. Posters that incorporate the actual words of the poster theme, "I Am a Money Maker!" also make it easier for judges to link the artwork to the theme.

