



Supporting the prevention of relationship violence.

2017 TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Teachers & Students:

The Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fund is pleased to announce its **2017 Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Poster Contest** for Rhode Island middle school students. February is **National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month** and this contest is meant to raise awareness during February. **Prizes have changed! The prize money has increased and will include First and Second Place only. First Place will receive \$500.00 and Second Place will receive \$250.00.** The due date for entries is April 7, 2017. Winners will be notified in May.

The theme **“Qualities of a Healthy Relationship”** focuses on one or more qualities of healthy relationships (equality, respect, trust, honesty, fairness, compromise, caring, supportive, respects boundaries & decisions, open communication). www.labmf.org may be useful as resource.

Contest rules and Registration Form appear on the back of this letter. All posters must have a completed Registration Form on the back of their entry. Feel free to make additional copies of the Rules. They can also be found on our website www.labmf.org. Please encourage your students to enter the contest and share this with your colleagues. **Teachers: Kindly share HELPFUL HINTS below with students & assist them with following the rules.**

HELPFUL HINTS:

- **Read rules carefully, especially in regards to theme & spelling**
- **Posters should be clearly read from a distance (use large enough font)**
- **Words should be CLEAR & LEGIBLE, not tiny**
- **Theme or title (or shortened/modified version) should appear on poster**
- **If using a website on poster, NO other website addresses should appear on poster except www.labmf.org**
- **NO QUOTES, copyrighted figures/names/objects. NO Graphics. Only freehand artwork.**
- **NO SPELLING ERRORS, or poster will be disqualified**
- **Bold colors best, pale colors hard to see; no reflective markers, ink**
- **Carefully read & follow all the Rules on the reverse side of this letter**

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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**2017 TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST RULES
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

THEME: “Qualities of a Healthy Relationship”, focuses on one or more qualities of healthy relationships (equality, respect, trust, honesty, fairness, compromise, caring, supportive, respects boundaries & decisions, open communication). Other LINKS posted on our website may also be helpful. Theme or title (or shortened/modified version) should appear on poster.

ELIGIBILITY: Contest is open to all middle school students in the State of Rhode Island.

PRIZES: First Place \$500.00 Second Place: \$250.00

JUDGING CRITERIA: Judging will be based on originality, creativity, and development and reflection of the theme. As a resource, visit www.labmf.org.

RULES:

1. Submitted artwork should be on heavy construction paper, matte finish, size 11 X 17, leaving a one inch plain border at the bottom (artwork should then be 11 X 16). Use vertical orientation. Do not put your name on the front of poster.
2. **Original, freehand artwork** in any medium, color or black and white. Keep in mind pencils appear light. **Computer graphics & copyrighted figures /names/objects NOT accepted. Nothing glued, stapled or attached to artwork. No cut & paste. NO SPELLING ERRORS. Clear, Legible words.**
3. Only one entry per student, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
4. All entries become the property of the Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fund and cannot be returned. We reserve the right to use the posters for the purpose of dating violence education and promotion. A picture of the winning student may appear in the media and/or our newsletter/website/dvd/etc. as well.
5. Posters may not be folded or rolled. They must be mailed flat and protected by cardboard. Packages must be labeled “Do Not Bend” on both sides. Mail posters to: **Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fund, PO Box 1748, North Kingstown, RI 02852**
6. All entries must be received by April 7, 2017. Winners will be notified in May. Presentation of prizes to be made at a School Committee Meeting or equivalent, if possible.

HELPFUL HINTS: Posters must be clearly read from a distance (use large enough font). If using a website address on the poster, NO other website addresses should appear on poster except labmf.org. Bold colors look better than pale, washed-out colors. NO QUOTES on posters. Visit www.labmf.org for examples of previous winning posters.

REGISTRATION FORM: Complete the following, printing clearly. Attach this section to the back of your poster with invisible tape. Parent signature gives permission to LABMF to use student’s picture in newspaper/LABMF newsletter and permission to use poster for any educational purpose.

1. STUDENT’S NAME _____ GRADE _____
2. STUDENT’S ADDRESS _____
3. SCHOOL NAME _____
4. SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
5. SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: _____
6. NAME OF TEACHER TO BE NOTIFIED: _____ Email address: _____
7. Parent’s Name (Print): _____ Parent’s Signature: _____