

# Official Rules:

## Taste of Missions Poster Contest

**Calling all WELS and ELS high school artists!** Express your creativity and learn about WELS mission work in the annual Taste of Missions Poster Contest. Craft an 11" x 17" masterpiece capturing the heart of either WELS Home or World Missions. Submit by **April 24, 2026**, and your art could be showcased at the Taste of Missions event on June 13, 2026, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. Two overall winners (one from Home Missions and one from World Missions) will receive a \$250 Amazon gift card, Taste of Missions swag bag, and their artwork will be prominently featured at the event and in the event program. All other submissions will be eligible to be voted "fan favorite" by attendees at Taste of Missions for another chance to win (see details below). Join a meaningful cause through your art!

### Guidelines

Contestants can choose to submit one poster that accurately represents *either* WELS Home Missions or WELS World Missions. Artists can also choose to complete two posters, one for each category. Use of outreach-themed Bible passages is encouraged but not mandatory. Artist statements are also encouraged with each submission. It could include the inspiration behind your creative process, the medium or techniques used to create it, the message or emotions you aim to convey, what you hope viewers take away from the experience, or significant influences that shaped your work.

Judges will consider the interpretation of WELS Home or World Missions; the originality, creativity, and quality of the submission; and ability to reproduce the artwork (Can it be copied and printed/displayed with reasonable quality and clarity?).

### Learn more about WELS Home Missions

[WELS Home Missions](#) plants churches and assists mission-minded congregations across North America. Home Missions currently supports 151 congregations with financial subsidy or district mission board/mission counselor assistance, with 30 of those being cross-cultural mission congregations. Home Missions also provides nearly 50 [campus ministries](#) with financial support, while assisting hundreds of other congregations that serve college students around the United States and Canada.

- Learn more at [wels.net/homemissions](https://wels.net/homemissions) and [wels100in10.net](https://wels100in10.net).
- View photos from Home Missions on [Flickr](#), organized by Home Missions district.
- Learn more on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (@WELSMissions).

### Learn more about WELS World Missions

[WELS World Missions](#) conducts and encourages gospel outreach in 49 countries and is exploring outreach opportunities in 16 prospective new mission fields. World Missions brings the light of God's Word to the world through evangelism efforts, church planting, training national workers for ministry, and providing religious materials in foreign languages. This work is facilitated by six world mission teams: [Africa](#), [Asia-Oceania](#), [Europe](#), [Latin America](#), [Multi-Language Productions](#), and [Native American Missions](#).

- Learn more at [wels.net/worldmissions](https://wels.net/worldmissions) and on the individual team webpages linked above.
- View photos from World Missions on [Flickr](#), organized by country.
- Learn more on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (@WELSMissions).

## Specifications

*Follow these rules to prevent poster disqualification.*

1. All contestants submitting artwork must be enrolled in high school and be a member of a WELS or ELS congregation.
2. Entries must be created by the individual without assistance. All submissions must be original. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in creating your artwork is not allowed.
3. Artwork must be sized as an 11" x 17" poster; portrait or landscape layouts accepted. Poster board or heavy art paper is encouraged if submitting a hard copy.
4. Any medium may be used (paint, watercolors, colored pencils, collage, digital artwork, etc.). If mailing your submission, make sure to protect against potential damage. See additional details for submitting digital artwork under "Submission Information."
5. Do not include any identifiable information on the front of the poster.
6. All posters submitted become the property of the WELS Missions office, which has the right to use the art for publicity, publications, and advertisements. Original posters can be picked up at the Taste of Missions event on June 13, 2026, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., but otherwise will not be returned.
7. The submission deadline is **Friday, April 24, 2026**. The overall winners will be contacted via e-mail by Friday, May 1, 2026. Prizes will be mailed directly to the winners using the contact information provided on the submission form.
8. E-mail the WELS Missions office at [missionspromotions@wels.net](mailto:missionspromotions@wels.net) or call 414-256-3237 with any questions or concerns.

## Prize details

**Two overall winners**, one poster from Home Missions and one poster from World Missions, will be chosen by the WELS Missions Office staff according to the criteria provided. They will each receive a \$250 Amazon gift card and Taste of Missions swag bag, and their artwork will be prominently displayed at Taste of Missions on June 13, 2026, and included in the event program.

All other posters that meet the submission criteria will be displayed at Taste of Missions for attendees to vote for a **"fan favorite"** winner. The "fan favorite" winner will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card with Taste of Missions swag bag.

## Submission information

The deadline to submit your poster is **Friday, April 24, 2026**. Please submit your poster in one of the followings ways:

1. **Upload artwork:** Upload your artwork and fill out the submission form at [tasteofmissions.com/postercontest](https://tasteofmissions.com/postercontest), including a completed release form. See digital artwork requirements below. Individuals submitting two posters, one for Home Missions and one for World Missions, must fill out a submission form for each category.

2. **Mail/deliver artwork:** Complete the submission form at [tasteofmissions.com/postercontest](https://tasteofmissions.com/postercontest), and then mail or drop off your artwork to the WELS Missions office at the address below. Drop-offs can be given to the reception desk during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Submissions must be received by the April 25 deadline.

WELS Center for Mission and Ministry  
Attn. Missions Office  
N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53188

### Submitting digital artwork

- **File types accepted:** .PDF (recommended) or .JPG
- **Dimensions and resolution:** Your submission should measure 11" x 17" (or 3300px x 5100px) and have a resolution of 300 dpi. A resolution of 300 dpi means 300 dots per every inch in the design. Vertical or horizontal formats are acceptable.
- **Maximum file size for uploads:** 50MB (megabytes) per file. To reduce file size, upload in .jpg format.
- **When scanning or photographing your artwork,** ensure you are scanning/photographing your poster at the highest resolution available (300 dpi+) to ensure a high-resolution file.

