

IAFP Tar Wars Poster Contest Criteria and Judging

The poster contest is designed to reaffirm the Tar Wars message learned during the classroom presentation. Schools are encouraged to organize a poster contest and motivate students to participate in this activity.

Criteria and Rules

The IAFP Tar Wars national office has set the following criteria and rules for poster submissions. Please be sure to review the criteria and rules with students to ensure compliance and avoid disqualification.

Only 4th and 5th grade students who have had the Tar Wars presentation are eligible to submit posters for the contest.

Posters must incorporate **original and creative artwork**. Depictions of cartoon, video game, and movie and/or theme characters, television characters, and past poster designs do not constitute creativity and originality.

Posters must deliver **a clear and positive message** about being tobacco free and avoiding e-cigarettes. Death themes tombstones, coffins, people smoking, should not be used

Posters must be no larger than standard poster board size (22" x 28") and no smaller than 8.5" x 11". Posters should not be laminated or mounted on mat board.

Please don't staple, glue, or tape entry forms to the backs of posters. You may paper clip entry forms to the poster.

Students should not write their name or other identifying information on the front of their poster.

Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, markers, etc. Keep in mind that winning posters may be reproduced or reprinted, so clear artwork, bright colors and easy to read messages are best.

Computer clip art, pictures from magazines and other print media, or any other copyrighted brand or product images **will not** be accepted. Students may not work in pairs or groups.

Submitting Posters for the State Contest

Your school's winning poster(s) and the forms should be sent to the state coordinator by April 25.

Mail to Illinois Tar Wars: 7738 W. Myrtle Ave. Chicago, IL 60631