



6th Annual National School Counseling Week Poster & Essay Contest

ELIGIBILITY & GENERAL GUIDELINES

Participants should be current students in Alabama schools, grades K – 12.

- Grades **K – 2**: Submit a **poster**. (See guidelines below.)
- Grades **3 – 12**: Submit an **essay**. (See guidelines below.)
- **Only 1 entry per student is permitted.**

All entries should reflect the designated theme.

- Grades K-11: **What are School Counselors and how do they help students? How have you been helped?**
- Grade 12: **How has a School Counselor helped guide you toward your future?**

POSTERS should not exceed 11x17 and should be completed on paper or poster board—not canvas.

ESSAYS should not exceed **1** page. Typed essays should utilize a professional font, size 12 point or larger, with single- *or* double-spacing. If handwritten, essays should be clearly legible. Neatness counts! **All essays must provide a clear description/discussion related to the designated theme.**

ALL entries must have a completed, official cover sheet (*page 2 of this document*) securely attached.

The **school counselor** of a student whose entry is submitted to the state-level contest **must** be an ALSCA member **at the time of the state-level submission.**

Entries will be evaluated **only** if they meet **all** criteria listed on this 2-page document.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF EVENTS

Announce, promote, and then select your **school-level 1st place winner** according to the **grade-level categories** below. Submit **ONLY** the **1st place winner (per grade-level category)** from your school for this state-level contest.

Entries should be submitted by the **school counselor**.

STATE-LEVEL PRIZES

Prizes:	K-2nd	3rd-5th	6th-8th	9th-11th	12th
• 1 st Place	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$1,000
• 2 nd Place	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	
• 3 rd Place	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	

The **state-level 1st place** winner for **12th grade** will receive a **\$1000 scholarship** for post-secondary endeavors, sponsored by **ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSOCIATION**. Acceptance into a post-secondary institution at the time of scholarship award is required and proof of enrollment presented prior to funds distribution. Winner will be contacted for instructions.

BONUS PRIZE—The school counselor of each state-level, **1st** place winner will be awarded **FREE REGISTRATION** to attend the upcoming ALCA Annual Fall Conference and must be a member of ALSCA at the time entries are submitted to the state-level contest **and** at registration time for the ALCA Annual Fall Conference in order to receive this prize.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

November 16, 2017	Official launch of the contest at the ALCA Annual Conference
February 16, 2018	POSTMARK DEADLINE for mailed submissions (National School Counseling Week)
February 20, 2018	DIGITAL UPLOAD DEADLINE for electronic submissions (National School Counseling Week)
April 2018	State-level winners will be announced

**ALSCA 6th Annual
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Official Cover Sheet
(Attach to your Poster or 1-Page Essay)**

Student's Name _____ Grade Level _____

Self-Chosen Title of Entry (Poster or Essay) _____
Poster (K-2nd), Essay (3rd -12th)

Student's Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

School _____ System/District _____

School Counselor _____ Phone # _____

School Counselor's Email _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW: We, the undersigned, verify that the attached entry is the ORIGINAL CREATION of the student whose name and contact information is recorded above. We, the undersigned, also verify that if the student is in 12th grade, he/she will be enrolled in a post-secondary institution in the 2018-2019 school year. Once submitted, the entry becomes the property of the Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA). We, the undersigned, grant permission for ALSCA to publicize the student's name, photo, school, and submitted entry.

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

ELECTRONIC ENTRIES of your SCHOOL's 1ST PLACE WINNER(S) should be emailed to alscaboard@gmail.com with the words: 2018 Poster/Essay on the subject line by FEBRUARY 20, 2018

ENTRIES MAY ALSO BE SENT BY POSTAL MAIL. THEY MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 16, 2018

Mail to: 2018 Poster and Essay Contest
2135 Interstate Drive #217
Opelika, AL 36801