

Halloween/Harvest Poster Celebration OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES 2026

Dates and Times

The Oregon City Together Drug-Free Halloween/Harvest Poster submission period begins at 10 a.m. Monday, September 21, 2026. The deadline for artwork to be submitted is midnight, Thursday, October 15, 2026. Storefront window winners will be announced October 23, 2026.

Students who created posters during class are to leave their posters with their teacher. He/she will give the poster to Oregon City Together. If your child's poster is chosen to be enlarged, a parent or guardian will need to provide permission by signing a release form.

We will also be holding an awards ceremony on November 2, 2026 during our parent workshop by Dr. Crystal Collier, where parents and students will learn how to protect their brains.

Eligibility

Participation is open to students who, as of date of entry, are in grade 5 and live in the Oregon City School District area or who go to school in Oregon City. There is no cost to participate. Only one entry per person is allowed.

How to Enter

Participants will enter the poster with their class teacher or enter at www.octogether.org.

If entering online, use the Online Entry Form. The Online Entry Form must include written approval from parent or legal guardian. Entry is defined as completing an Online Entry Form and uploading a photo or jpg of an original poster anytime during the submission period. Each entry must follow the technical, creative and legal requirements. The sponsor, Oregon City Together, shall not be held responsible for any entries after midnight, Thursday, October 15, 2026.

Technical and Creative Requirements

By entering, the poster artist (youth) and parent or legal guardian are agreeing to the following guidelines and rules.

Poster Content

- Poster art must be original art, no copyrighted or photo-shopped, or Artificial Intelligence pictures. Original digital art is accepted.
- Each poster must have an Autumn, Harvest or Halloween theme.
- Each poster must clearly include an anti-drug message and a **FACT** about the risks of using drugs such as

marijuana or alcohol before age 21. Facts can be found online at OCtogether.org or from the classroom teacher.

Posters must NOT contain material or images that:

- violates or infringes another's rights, including but not limited to privacy, publicity or intellectual property rights;
- depicts nudity or is indecent, obscene, hateful, tortious, defamatory, slanderous or libelous;
- promotes bigotry, racism, hatred or harm against any group or individual or promotes discrimination based on race, gender, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age;
- promotes any illegal activities or any other activity that may appear unsafe or dangerous;
- promotes any particular political agenda or message;
- ANY OF THESE WILL BE CAUSE FOR AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

Technical Requirements

- Poster must be 8 ½ by 11 inches or 11 by 17 inches.
- Participants can use any medium. Felt tip markers, markers and ink are preferred. Please do not use any items that are raised on the poster.
- Poster can be scanned or a photo taken of the poster. Acceptable formats are limited to jpg and the maximum file size is limited to 5 MB.

- Poster photos are to be uploaded to the Oregon City Together website's Halloween contest page as part of the Online Entry Form that includes written approval from parent or legal guardian.

Rights of Publicity

- Because Entrants are minors, the Online Entry Contest must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. If the poster is given to a classroom teacher and chosen to be enlarged, the teacher or OCT will contact parents for approval to display.
- By checking the approval box on the Online Entry Form, signing the official entry form and entering the contest, the Parent/Guardian is allowing Oregon City Together to publish their child's poster with child's first and last name, school and youth organization (if that applies) for promotional, educational and other purposes in any and all media including digital and electronic media, computer, audiovisual media, print and broadcast media, as well as window displays without compensation.

Limitation of Liability

- The parent or legal guardian must check the box on the Online Entry Form stating they have read and agree with the official rules.

- Except for intentional harm or gross negligence, contest sponsors are not responsible for any error or failing with respect to the contest, the entries, the use of any entry, or any other matter deriving from the contest. Contest sponsors include Oregon City Together, Oregon City School District 62, and Oregon City's Enhancement Grant Program
- Each participant accepts the conditions stated in these official rules, agrees to be bound by the decisions of the sponsors, warrants that they are eligible to participate, and agrees to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law that the released parties shall not be responsible for any claims, losses, liability, and damages of any kind asserted against any of them, arising in connection with participation in this contest or the use or acceptance of any prize (including any travel or activity related to a prize) including any damages arising from the participants breach of the official rules.

Parent/Guardian Pledge

By agreeing to these terms and conditions, I am pledging to...

- Talk to my children about the risks of using drugs before the age of 21.
- Set clear consistent rules about not using drugs.
- Enforce appropriate consequences.
- Serve as a good role model.