

THE 2012 RICHARD MARKEY MEMORIAL POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES

The Richard Markey Memorial Poster Contest provides middle school students living or attending school in Frederick County the opportunity to explore a topic in local history and depict it graphically on a poster. It honors the artistic talents, civic leadership, and generosity of Richard Markey.

RICHARD MARKEY

Born in Frederick County in 1942, Richard Markey had a successful career as a graphic artist, designing logos and promotional items for many local organizations and businesses. He gave freely of his time and talents to many local non-profits, including the Historical Society of Frederick County, for which he designed logos, posters, advertisements, and signs. Richard Markey passed away in 2008. The poster contest was established by the Historical Society's Board of Directors in 2009 to honor him.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Contest entries must be received by **April 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Museum of Frederick County History, 24 East Church Street, Frederick. (The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.)
- Winners will be notified by May 4, 2012. All non-winning students will be notified after that date.
- Awards will be presented on May 17, 2012 at a combined Student Contest Awards Presentation. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick.
- Winning entries will be on display at the Museum of Frederick County History from May 4 to May 17.

OBJECTIVES

The contest seeks to inspire young people:

- To become better acquainted with the history of Frederick County;
- To learn how to illustrate historical subjects; and
- To develop skills in graphic design.



THEME

2012 Theme: **Revolution, Reaction, Reform in Frederick County, Maryland History**

This year's theme reflects that of the National History Day 2012 contest (students may wish to make their entry a springboard for NHD competition). Entries should reflect some revolutionary (sudden or momentous) change or reform in the county's history, and reaction to it. The American Revolution in the county, revolutions in transportation, consequences of industrialization locally, emancipation and the end of slavery, are just a few of the possible entry topics. Students must identify and illustrate a topic of interest that falls under this broad theme.

CONTENT

Students should create a poster that illustrates both the overall theme of the contest and the specific subject they have selected that pertains to the theme. In preparation for the creation of their posters, students are encouraged to visit the Frederick County Archives and Research Center located at 24 East Church Street in Frederick to explore possible subjects and conduct research. Admission is free to students, and volunteers and staff are on-hand to assist researchers. Posters should impart a clear idea of the selected topic and include images and text. Students are encouraged to use a variety of media for the creation of their poster, limited only by their creativity!

CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students residing in or attending school in Frederick County, Maryland.
- The entry must relate to the contest theme and incorporate a subject from Frederick County history. The list of subjects is provided to offer suggestions only. These or other county subjects may be used. **PLEASE NOTE:** While students may use events or people that figure prominently outside Frederick County, **posters must focus directly on a topic relating directly to Frederick County history.** Posters dealing solely with general themes or national topics not directly related to the county will not be considered for awards.
- **The entry must be on poster board that measures 11" x 17".** Images, text, or other graphic elements may be adhered to the poster board. Completely printer-generated posters will not be considered.
- A simple list of sources used (including websites) must be included on the back of the poster.
- The title of the entry should also be written on the back of the poster, along with the **student's name, school, home mailing address, and telephone number and/or e-mail address.**
- All entries must be received complete by the deadline. Entries missing the information required above or that arrive late will not be considered for awards.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Awards are decided by a panel of judges based upon the following criteria: 1. Use of historically accurate information; 2. Application of the contest topic; 3. Use of creativity; and 4. Overall Presentation.

AWARDS

First Place—\$200 • Second Place—\$100 • Third Place—\$50

CONTACT INFORMATION



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