



## **Go Vote Poster Contest Official Rules**

### **General**

By participating in the contest, each contestant (and their parent or legal guardian) unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these Official Rules and the decisions of the League of Women Voters Jackson Area (LWVJA).

### **Who Can Enter?**

The LWVJA Go Vote Poster Contest is open to all high school students (grades 9 – 12 during the 2023-24 school year) registered in Jackson County, Michigan. This includes seniors who graduated in 2024.

### **What Permissions are Required?**

All contestants must complete and sign the Release Form that is part of the Contest Entry form on the Poster Contest page of the LWVJA website. Contestants under the age of 18 must also have signed permission from a parent or legal guardian to enter the contest.

### **Legal Requirements**

All work must be original or in the Public Domain. It cannot be copyrighted.

No professional assistance is allowed. Adults may provide verbal guidance but all entries must be produced solely by student contestants.

At the time of entry, contestants must submit the completed and signed contest application and release form for themselves as well as for anyone whose words or image appears in the poster.

The winning entries will be displayed at public venues (to be determined) and will be returned to contestants within 6 months from the end of the contest. As acknowledged in the required release form, the LWVJA may use the work in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, social media and promotional materials.

If technical or other issues compromise the contest, the LWVJA may modify, postpone or cancel the contest.

Finished dimensions of the artwork may be no smaller than 8 ½" x 11" or no larger than 12" x 18".

## **Submitting Entries**

The Contest Entry and Release Form and a good quality photo of the completed poster in jpeg format no larger than 10 megabytes must be submitted on the LWVJA website ([lwvjackson.org/poster-contest](http://lwvjackson.org/poster-contest)). The deadline for submission is Friday, June 14, 2024 at 11:59 pm. Late entries will not be accepted.

## **Prizes**

Three entries will be awarded cash prizes of \$250.00 each. An awards ceremony will take place before July 1.

## **Judging**

Contest judges will use the following contest rubric criteria for scoring each entry. The rubric lists the criteria for judging and the point value for each element.

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| <b>Content</b> —Conveys a clear message on the importance of voting.  | 40 points        |
| <b>Impact</b> —Grabs the viewer’s attention   | 20 points        |
| <b>Artistry</b> —Stands out as a work of art  | 20 points        |
| <b>Consistency</b> —All artistic elements such as color, font, font size, placement and alignment work together | <u>20 points</u> |
| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>   | 100 points       |

## **Additional Rules**

Entries must not have been entered in other contests or won other awards.

Entries must be nonpartisan and cannot support, demean, or defame any political party of person.

Entries must not contain material that is indecent, obscene, pornographic, hateful, defamatory, slanderous, libelous, objectionable, or otherwise lacking in taste or quality in the views of the judges.

Entries must not contain any material or promote any activity that is unlawful.

One poster entry per student.

## **Questions about the Contest**

Email questions to [psch54@comcast.net](mailto:psch54@comcast.net) with the subject heading “Go Vote Poster Contest”.