



CONTEST RULES

1. The Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition's - Poster and Poetry Contest, is open to all Montgomery County students in grades 6 through 12. There is **no fee** to enter.
2. Contest entrants will compete in one of two Divisions: **Division 1:** Grades 6 through 8 **or** **Division 2:** Grades 9 through 12.
3. Entries **must** include contest theme "Count on me to be Drug-Free" and promote substance abuse prevention, mental wellness, or breaking the stigma associated with seeking mental health services.
4. Each entry must be the original work of the individual student.
5. **POSTER GUIDELINES: (Does not have to include a poem)**
 - Posters must be no larger than 11" x 17" and no smaller than "8.5 x 11."
 - Posters may be in color or black and white. Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, markers, etc.
*Winning poster(s) may be reproduced or reprinted, so clear artwork and easy to read messages are best.
 - Posters should not be laminated or mounted on mat board.
 - Original poster must be submitted before deadline date.
6. **DIGITAL POSTER GUIDELINES: (Does not have to include a poem)**
 - Posters must be no larger than 11" x 17" and no smaller than "8.5 x 11."
 - Posters may be created in color or black and white. Students must use digital media or software (e.g., Canva, Photoshop, Illustrator, etc.) to design their work. Hand-drawn posters will not be accepted in this category.
 - Posters should not be laminated or mounted on mat board.
7. **POETRY GUIDELINES:**
 - Written poetry must be either typed (preferred) or legibly written in ink (No pencil-does not photocopy).
 - Poetry should not exceed 32 lines in length (written).
 - Poetry with incomplete or illegible writing will not be judged.
8. The name, grade, school, and teacher of participant must be included on the BACK of the entry. Please refrain from writing your name or other identifying information on the front of your submission.
9. Each entry must be submitted with a completed Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition Contest *Entry Form*.
10. Do not staple, glue, or tape, the entry form to the poster/poem.
11. All entries become the property of the Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition and will not be returned.

Deadline for Entries: Friday, January 30, 2026

All entries must be received by 4:00 PM to be eligible for judging.

All winners will be notified by Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

Entries can be submitted online at www.mcdrugfree.org or mailed to:

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Attn: Alana Ewald

345 W. Second St., 4th Floor Administration, Dayton, OH 45422

Questions? Contact Alana Ewald at (937) 496-3200

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition is to serve as a unified voice for citizens impacted by substance abuse and mental health disorders. By promoting awareness, prevention, best practices, and access to treatment services, members of Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition strive to eliminate barriers to successful recovery.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is that the citizens of Montgomery County will live in an educated, healthy community that is intentionally drug free.

GOALS

The Coalition has the following goals:

- Goal #1: Enhance and expand efforts to address the specific problems of heroin and illegal prescription drug use by Montgomery County residents.
- Goal #2: Increase public awareness of the harmful effects of heroin, opiates, and illegal prescription drugs.
- Goal #3: Strengthen and mobilize collaboration that improves community efforts to promote and implement effective, research-based prevention strategies.
- Goal #4: Identify community service providers to help simplify access for families seeking help.
- Goal #5: Develop, implement, and support environmental strategies.
- Goal #6: Reduce risk factors and promote protective factors among youth and adults concerning substance abuse.
- Goal #7: Strengthen family, school, community, and individual protective factors.
- Goal #8: Create an environment to encourage drug-free lifestyles.
- Goal #9: Liaison and collaborate with other community intervention, treatment, and recovery programs.