Eastern Connecticut State University

125th Anniversary Poster Contest!

Eastern Connecticut State University began in 1889 as the “Willimantic State Normal School,” where elementary grade school teachers learned to teach. Eastern has seen many changes in 125 years, just as Willimantic, the state of Connecticut, and the United States have changed. Try your hand at making a poster to illustrate the progress made at Eastern or in your town. The three top winners in each of three age categories will receive prizes and have their winning posters displayed at Eastern and on the Eastern website.

There are many ideas you can use to base your artwork.

**Grades 4 and up**

**TIME-BASED**

- 1889 was the year Eastern began. Research and draw what life in Willimantic was like then.
- The normal school became the Willimantic State Teachers College in 1937. Research and draw what life in Willimantic; Connecticut; or in the United States was like in 1937.
- In 1967, the college became Eastern Connecticut State College. What was it like in town then?
- In 1983, the college became Eastern Connecticut State University. What was life like in our town, state and country 30 years ago?
- Compare one year in Eastern’s history to today.

**BUILDINGS**

Pick a building at Eastern and draw it.

**CAREERS**

Eastern students prepare to become accountants, actresses, doctors, lawyers, teachers, social workers, visual artists, bank managers, environmental scientists, child psychologists, musicians, computer scientists, television producers, and just about every other job you can think of. Think of a career—one you are interested in yourself. Research it and show all the things about that career you can think of—what clothing does someone who does that work wear; what does their workplace look like; what tools do they use for their job; etc.

**Kindergarten-Grade 3**

Draw something about Willimantic or your school. You can go back 125 years or draw something happening right now. It’s up to you!
TEXT
You don’t need to write anything on your poster, but you may want to give it a title. If you want to write a caption or explanation, put it on the back of your poster. *Text limit: 100 words.*

SPECIFICATIONS
1. Minimum size: 11 x 17 inches
   Maximum size: 22 x 28 inches
2. Paints, crayons, chalks, markers, pencils, pens, etc. are allowed, but no computer-created art.
3. Copyrighted characters or name brands (e.g., Disney characters, Taco Bell, McDonalds, etc.) should NOT be used in artwork; use of such brands or characters will result in disqualification.
4. Paper: We recommend poster board, cardstock, or paper that is at least 28 lb. 20 lb. bond (copier paper) is apt to rip during processing.
5. Posters can be matted, framed, or rolled; do not fold your poster!

IDENTIFICATION
All entries must include the artist’s name, age, name of school, and some way to contact you (phone, email, mailing address.) No electronic files (PDF, JPEG, etc.) accepted.

PRIZES
1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for the following age groups *(Age at time of contest deadline):*
- Kindergarten-Grade 3
- Grade 4-6
- Grades 7+

DEADLINE 5 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2014.

Entries may be mailed (postmarked no later than May 2, 2014), or hand delivered to:

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Gelsi Young Hall, Room 129
Eastern Connecticut State University
83 Windham Street
Willimantic, CT 08228

Questions regarding the contest may be directed to Ed Osborn at osborne@easternct.edu or (860) 465-5735.