

# 2009 Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest

Sponsored by the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness



<b>First Prize</b>	\$200 U.S. Savings Bond
<b>Second Prize</b>	\$100 U.S. Savings Bond
<b>Third Prize</b>	\$75 U.S. Savings Bond
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	\$50 U.S. Savings Bond

**Eligibility** - The contest is open to any Michigan student in **fourth or fifth grade**.

**Deadline** - Postmarked by February 1, 2009

**Topic** - Artwork must illustrate what individuals and families should do to prepare for Michigan severe weather, such as snowstorms, severe cold, tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning or floods.

The Committee is looking for posters with a **simple, clear message**. Lettering should be easy to read, and artwork should be bright, visible and complement the message.

Winning posters from previous years can be viewed at: [www.michigan.gov/emhsd](http://www.michigan.gov/emhsd)

## Official Rules

<b>Who may enter:</b>	Any Michigan student in fourth or fifth grades during the 2008-2009 school year.
<b>Mailing:</b>	Posters must be packed, wrapped flat and mailed to: <b>National Weather Service Office</b> <b>9200 White Lake Road</b> <b>White Lake, MI 48386</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	Posters must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2009, and must arrive in the National Weather Service Office no later than February 6, 2009. Winners will be notified by mail no later than March 1, 2009.
<b>Poster Specification:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Posters must be submitted on tag, poster or illustration board.</li><li>2. The overall dimensions shall be approximately 15" x 20"</li><li>3. <b>All artwork must be original and may be any media desired with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter.</b></li><li>4. <b>Stenciled, traced, computer-generated or commercially manufactured stick-on lettering or graphics are prohibited.</b></li><li>5. All posters will become the property of the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.</li><li>6. Posters will be judged on both the clarity of the preparedness message and the quality of the art. <b>Posters with misspelled words will be eliminated.</b></li></ol>
<b>Identification:</b>	The following information shall be PRINTED on the back of the poster: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Artist's name, age and grade.</li><li>2. Artist's home address, telephone number and names of parents.</li><li>3. Name, address and telephone number of school.</li><li>4. Name of art instructor or classroom teacher, if any.</li></ol>

**For more information, contact: Mark Walton, National Weather Service, 616-949-0643, Ext. 493 or Richard Pollman, National Weather Service, 248-625-3309, Ext. 726**