

31ST CHILD & FAMILY AWARENESS MONTH

Creative Poster/Slogan Contest

“A FAMILY IS ...”

ELIGIBILITY: Any student in Summit County in grades K through 5.

TOPIC: Students should design a poster completing the phrase, “A Family is ...” e.g. “A Family is Having Fun Together.” The poster and slogan should depict positive family life, values and activities. The slogan must be original. **Use of a previous winning slogan will make the entry ineligible – see REVERSE SIDE for list of past winning slogans.**

DEADLINE: **Contest entries are due by Friday, March 23, 2018.** Entries can be mailed or delivered to Summit County Children Services, 264 S. Arlington Street, Akron, OH 44306, ATTN: Community Relations.

RULES:

- Size: Posters are to be 8 ½" x 11" or construction paper size.
- Color of paper: White or any light shaded paper can be used.
- Medium: Crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint or chalk (or any combination).
- Entries must include a slogan completing the phrase, “A Family is ...” and an illustration that supports the slogan.
- **ENTRIES CANNOT HAVE ARTISTS’ NAMES ON THE FRONT.** Please include the following information ON THE BACK of the poster: Artist's first and last name; school, grade and age; home address with zip code; contact phone number (home or cell) and email address.
- DO NOT: laminate or attach poster to another piece of paper or poster board.
- One poster per artist; no team entries will be accepted.

JUDGING

- Judging for the Poster/Slogan Contest is done by members of the Child & Family Awareness Month Steering Committee who represent law enforcement, social services, the judicial community and area organizations.
- Posters will be judged on originality, creativity, spelling, overall concept (how well the slogan and illustration relate to one another) and how well it represents positive family life.
- **ALL JUDGES’ DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!**

AWARDS & PRIZES:

- All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation in the contest. Certificates will be mailed.
- One (1) Grand Prize Winner will be selected. This winner will receive a \$250 gift card, trophy and Achievement Certificate. *NOTE: The Grand Prize winner's poster and slogan will be used as the theme for the 32nd Annual Child & Family Awareness Month in April 2019.*
- The Grand Prize Winner and up to seven family members will be invited as special guests to the 9th Annual Community Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, April 27, 2018. A letter of invitation will be mailed to the winner.
- All entries will be returned (by mail) after the Grand Prize Winner has been selected.
- The GRAND PRIZE winning poster will become the property of Summit County Children Services for one (1) year.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Children of Summit County Children Services’ employees are not eligible to win, but may enter the contest and receive a Certificates of Participation.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For more information about Child & Family Awareness Month and this Creative Contest, contact Summit County Children Services at (330) 379-1994 or at sdeluca@summitkids.org.

Previous grand prize winning slogans:

- 1989 "A Family is Hugs – Not Slugs"
- 1990 "A Family is Forever"
- 1991 "A Family is Togetherness"
- 1992 "A Family is a Season that Never Ends"
- 1993 "A Family is a Blooming Garden"
- 1994 "A Family is a Connection of Protection"
- 1995 "A Family is Glue for the Pieces of Life"
- 1996 "A Family is a Light at the End of the Tunnel"
- 1997 "A Family is a Garden of Love"
- 1998 "A Family is a Knot You Can't Untie"
- 1999 "A Family is a Torch of Love that Never Burns Out"
- 2000 "A Family is a Firm Foundation"
- 2001 "A Family is Love You Can Bank On"
- 2002 "A Family is a Strong Bridge to the Future"
- 2003 "A Family is What Colors Our World"
- 2004 "A Family is a Fountain of Love"
- 2005 "A Family is a Guiding Light"
- 2006 "A Family is a Movie with a Happy Ending"
- 2007 "A Family is the Marshmallows in the Hot Chocolate of Life"
- 2008 "A Family is the Needle and Thread that Sews Us Together"
- 2009 "A Family is a Compass that Directs You Throughout Life"
- 2010 "A Family is the Frosting on the Cupcake of Life"
- 2011 "A Family is the Spice of Life"
- 2012 "A Family is Shoes that Walk Me Through Life"
- 2013 "A Family is Timeless"
- 2014 "A Family is a Tool That Can Fix Everything"
- 2015 "A Family is a Key to Open Every Door"
- 2016 "A Family is an Apple that's Great to the Core"
- 2017 "A Family is the Sunshine in My Day!"
- 2018 "A Family is the Door to Happiness"