



9th Annual National School Counseling Week Poster & Essay Contest

ELIGIBILITY & GENERAL GUIDELINES

Participants should be current students in Alabama schools, grades K – 12.

- Grades **K – 2**: Submit a **poster** (See **POSTERS** below) • Grades **3 – 12**: Submit an **essay** (See **ESSAYS** below)
- **Only 1 entry per student is permitted.**

All entries should reflect the following designated theme.

- Grades K-11: **What are School Counselors, and how do they help students? How have you been helped?**
- Grade 12: **How has a School Counselor helped guide you toward your goals beyond high school?**

POSTERS should not exceed 11x17 and should be completed on paper or poster board—not canvas.

ESSAYS should not exceed **1** page. Typed essays should utilize a professional font, size 12 point or larger, with single- *or* double-spacing. If handwritten, essays should be clearly legible. Neatness counts! **All essays must provide a clear description/discussion related to the designated theme.** Please include name and grade at the top of essay page.

ALL entries must have a completed, official cover sheet (*page 2 of this application*) securely attached.

The **school counselor must** be an ALSCA member **at the time of the state-level submission**

SUGGESTED ORDER OF EVENTS

Announce, promote, and then select your **school-level 1st place winner** according to the **grade-level categories** below. Submit **ONLY the 1st place winner (per grade-level category) from your school** for this state-level contest. Entries should be submitted by the **ALSCA Member school counselor**.

STATE-LEVEL PRIZES	<u>K-2</u>	<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>12th</u>
1 st Place	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$1,000
2 nd Place	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	
3 rd Place	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	

One **state-level, 1st place, winner for 12th grade** will receive the **\$1000 scholarship** for post-secondary study, sponsored by **ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSOCIATION**. Acceptance into a post-secondary institution at the time of scholarship award and proof of enrollment is required prior to funds distribution. Winner will be provided instructions for accessing the scholarship.

BONUS PRIZE—The school counselor of each state-level **1st** place winner will be awarded **FREE REGISTRATION** to attend the upcoming ALCA Annual Fall Conference. Recipient must be a member of ALSCA at the time entries are submitted to the state-level contest and at registration time for the ALCA Annual Fall Conference in order to receive this prize.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

December 10, 2020	Official launch of the contest
February 8, 2021	POSTMARK DEADLINE for mailed submissions
February 15, 2021	DIGITAL UPLOAD DEADLINE for electronic submissions
April 2021	State-level winners will be announced

**ALSCA 9th Annual
National School Counseling Celebration
Poster & Essay Contest
Official Cover Sheet
(Attach to your Poster or 1-Page Essay)**

Student's Name _____ Grade Level _____

Self-Chosen Title of Entry (Poster or Essay) _____
Poster (K-2nd), Essay (3rd - 12th)

Student's Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

School _____ System/District _____

School Counselor _____ Phone # _____

School Counselor's Email _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW: We, the undersigned, verify that the attached entry is the ORIGINAL CREATION of the student whose name and contact information is recorded above. We, the undersigned, also verify that if the student is in 12th grade and is the \$1,000 scholarship recipient, he/she will enroll in a postsecondary institution in the 2021-2022 school year. Once submitted, the entry becomes the property of the Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA). We, the undersigned, grant permission for ALSCA to publicize the student's name, photo, school, and submitted entry.

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

ENTRIES OF YOUR SCHOOL'S 1ST PLACE WINNER(S)

May be sent by ELECTRONIC MAIL to alscacontest@gmail.com with the words: *2021 ALSCA Contest* on the subject line on or before **FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

May be sent by POSTAL MAIL **POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

Mail to: 2021 ALSCA Contest
2135 Interstate Drive #170
Opelika, AL 36801