



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

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Dear Educator,

I have enclosed information regarding the upcoming 2022 Organ/Tissue Donor Awareness Student Poster Contest, as well as the winning entry from the previous contest. The poster contest is held biennially and winning students receive prizes and gift cards.

By increasing awareness about organ and tissue donation, we can help shorten the waiting list and give others a second chance at life. You can help by encouraging your students to participate in our 24th biennial statewide poster contest.

As of Jan. 1, 2018, 16- and 17-year-olds are eligible to register for the state's First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver's license or identification card. This legislation was initiated by my office in an effort to save more lives in Illinois. While creating your posters, please consider featuring 16- and 17-year-olds registering to become organ donors in your lifesaving drawings.

The contest is open to all Illinois students in grades K-12, and entries are divided into four categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Rules are included on the enclosed entry form.

Entries should be forwarded to the Secretary of State's office at the address provided on the entry form. Submissions must be postmarked by **Jan. 31, 2022**. Judges designated by my office will select a winner from each category and one grand prize winner. Winners will be notified by mail at the school address provided on the entry form and their family, teacher and principal will be invited to attend a ceremony in my Springfield office at the Capitol Building in March or April of 2022. Category winners will be recognized and the grand prize winning poster will be duplicated and displayed statewide at Secretary of State Driver Services facilities, libraries and hospitals.

We sincerely hope your school will participate in this exciting project. If you need additional posters, other educational materials or would like a speaker to visit your school, please contact Lauren Gilbert at 217-558-1322 or LGilbert@ilsos.gov. Additional information, entry forms and rules can be obtained from our website at www.LifeGoesOn.com.

Thank you for your participation in promoting this wonderful cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State