



11th Annual National School Counseling Week Poster & Essay Contest and Scholarship

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 themes

- 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 to 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 and signed, 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 ONE **school-level 1st place winner** for each **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>9-11</u>	<u>12th</u>
1 st Place	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$1,000
2 nd Place	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$500
3 rd Place	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$250

State-level, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place, winners for **12th grade** will receive the **\$1,000, \$500, and \$250 scholarships**, respectively, for post-secondary study, sponsored by **ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION**. Acceptance into a post-secondary institution at the time of scholarship award and proof of enrollment is required prior to distribution of funds. Winners will be provided instructions for accessing their scholarship.

BONUS PRIZE—The school counselor of each state-level **1st** place winner (K-12) will be awarded **FREE REGISTRATION** to attend either the upcoming ALCA Fall Conference or an ALSCA professional learning event such as Critical Issues in School Counseling Conference. Recipients must be a member of ALSCA at the time entries are submitted to the state-level contest and at registration time for the learning event of their choosing in order to receive this prize.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

November 18, 2021 Official launch at the 2022-2023 ALCA Conference. Winners announced no later than April 2023

February 6, 2023 **POSTMARK DEADLINE** for mailed submissions

February 10, 2023 **DIGITAL UPLOAD DEADLINE** for electronic submissions

**ALSCA 11th Annual
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Official Cover Sheet
(Attach this form to your Poster or 1-Page Essay)**

Student's Name _____ Grade Level _____

Self-Chosen Title of Entry (Poster or Essay) _____

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 the \$1,000 scholarship recipient, he/she will enroll in a postsecondary institution in the 2023-2024 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 School Counselor: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

SCHOOL COUNSELOR: ENTRIES OF YOUR SCHOOL'S 1ST PLACE WINNER

May be sent by ELECTRONIC MAIL to alsca.contest@gmail.com with the words: *ALSCA Contest* on the subject line on or before **FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

May be sent by POSTAL MAIL **POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

Mail to: ALSCA Contest
2135 Interstate Drive #119
Opelika, AL 36801