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Don't miss Prevention Works 25th

Annual Alcohol Awareness Month

CREATIVE CONTEST



ALL Chautauqua County students grades 3-12

Prevention Works wants to see your **awesome** art work!

Create a poster - or - a photo - or - a poem - or - a song

which **communicates** your **emotions** and **ideas**

in ways that **empower** others.

**\*\*\*The 2026 Theme: "Rise Above the Influence!"**

**must be included as part of your artwork.\*\*\***

**>>> Deadline to submit artwork: March 13th, 2026 <<<**

**Limit: ONE creative submission per student.**

**\*Please see Contest Rules for all additional information.**

**Questions? Contact Prevention Works Falconer Office at**

**(716) 664-3608 Dunkirk at (716) 366-4623 or visit our website**

**[www.preventionworks.us](http://www.preventionworks.us)**

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS FOR POSTERS:**

Darwin Barker Library, Fredonia

James Prendergast Library, Jamestown

Prevention Works, 1 East Main St., Falconer

Prevention Works, 186 Lake Shore Dr. W., Dunkirk

**RULES**



# 2026 Alcohol Awareness Month Creative Contest

**Theme:** “*Rise Above the Influence!*”

**Topics:** Alcohol • Tobacco • Addictive Substances • Gambling

## **Who Can Enter**

- All Chautauqua County students in grades 3–12 (Public, private, and homeschool students welcome!)
- **One entry per student**
- **Original work only** — no copying or AI-generated content

## **Categories**

1. **Poster or Photo**
2. **Poem or Song**

## **General Rules**

- Entries must relate to **alcohol, tobacco, other substances, or gambling**.
- Send a **positive, no-use message** (do **not** promote use).
- The theme “**Rise Above the Influence**” must appear somewhere in your entry.
- Include this information **on the back** of your entry:
  - Student’s Name
  - School Name & School Phone Number
  - Teacher’s Name
  - Grade
  - Home Address
  - Home Phone Number
- Winners keep ownership of their entries.
- All other entries become property of **Prevention Works**, which may publish or display them.

## **Category 1 – Poster or Photo**

- Maximum size: **11” x 17”**
- Accepted formats: hand-drawn, painted, mixed media, digital (Photoshop, Canva, etc.)
- **No AI-generated images**
- Color or black & white accepted
- Must follow copyright/trademark rules
- **Group projects allowed** (group shares prize if selected)
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## **Category 2 – Poem or Song**

- **Poems:** up to 21 lines
- **Songs:** up to 2.5 minutes
- Must include a **typed copy** of lyrics or poem
- **Songs:** submit an audio file or video
  - Upload to YouTube and email link to [pwcreativecontest@gmail.com](mailto:pwcreativecontest@gmail.com)
  - Or submit on a flash drive
- Must follow school dress and communication standards
- **Group projects allowed** (group shares prize if selected)

## **How to Submit**

Entries due by **Tuesday, March 13, 2026 – 4:30 PM**

Submit entries to any of these locations:

1. Darwin Barker Library – Fredonia
2. James Prendergast Library – Jamestown
3. Prevention Works – 186 Lake Shore Dr. W., Dunkirk
4. Prevention Works – 1 East Main St., Falconer
5. Or turn in to your school office (a Prevention Works staff member will collect it)






## **Judging & Prizes**

### **Judging Groups**

All categories judged together by grade level:

- **Group A:** Grades 3–5
- **Group B:** Grades 6–8
- **Group C:** Grades 9–12

### **Prizes**

-  **Grand Prize (Billy Jean Hubert Award):** \$200 + plaque/trophy + framed photo
-  **1st Place (each group):** \$75
-  **2nd Place (each group):** \$50
-  **3rd Place (each group):** \$25
-  **2 Honorable Mentions (any group):** \$15 each

### **Creative Inspiration**

Show how you or others can make healthy, positive choices and “**Rise Above the Influence!**” Use your creativity to inspire others to stay strong, make good decisions, and be proud of who they are.