Organizing a Local/State AATSP Chapter Poster Contest

The AATSP sponsors the Poster Contest annually for students enrolled in Spanish or Portuguese classes in grades PK-12. The local/state AATSP chapter contest is the first round of the AATSP Poster Contest, and allows students the opportunity to be celebrated on the local/state levels as well as be recognized at the national level if their entry is moved forward. If your local/state AATSP Chapter does not already host a poster contest for Spanish or Portuguese students, please consider offering the contest as a chapter activity.

Teachers are encouraged to participate in the contest to engage students about the benefits of learning another language. Students illustrate their ideas to demonstrate their understanding of the importance of learning new languages. The poster could also be an excellent project for Hispanic Heritage Month and world language celebrations. For additional information on the AATSP Poster Contest entry requirements, the current theme, and detailed entry guidelines, please visit https://www.aatsp.org/page/postercontest

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL/STATE AATSP CHAPTER
The local/state AATSP chapter coordinates the first round of the AATSP Poster Contest at the local/state level. In states with more than one chapter, the local chapter will host and promote the first round of the Poster Contest. Each chapter should:

• Read and understand the Poster Contest Guidelines.
• Appoint a Chapter Coordinator for the poster contest.
• Allocate funds for their decided-upon prizes.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAPTER CONTEST COORDINATOR
• Read and understand the Poster Contest Guidelines.
• Consult https://www.aatsp.org/page/postercontest for the current year’s theme, or contact the National Contest Director a postercontest@aatsp.org for more information.
• Establish the chapter contest deadline to precede the national deadline to have sufficient turn-around time for receiving and judging the posters, celebrating local/state winners, and submitting the winning posters to the AATSP National Poster Contest (the 2023 deadline is April 1). Please be sure to account for any school holidays when establishing the local/state AATSP chapter deadline.
• Publicize the local/state AATSP chapter deadline and annual contest theme to chapter members.
• Supervise the submission of the poster entries from participating schools and sponsoring teachers.
• Organize the selection/judging of the three best entries from each category (PK-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 Hand-drawn, and 6-8 and 9-12 Digital).
• Submit the selections to the national contest via the Google Form. Submissions for the national contest may come from the sponsoring teacher or from the local/state coordinator.
• Award the winning entries. Awards are decided upon by the local/state chapter.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPONSORING TEACHERS
• Read and understand the Poster Contest Guidelines.
• Join the AATSP or renew your membership in order to sponsor students in the Poster Contest. Visit https://www.aatsp.org/page/Membership to join or renew online.
• Have the students create posters based on the current year's theme and guidelines.
• Select the three best posters from each category (PK-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12 Hand-drawn, or 6-8, 9-12 Digital) for which there are student entries. The category entered will depend on the grade level of the student that has created the poster.
• Submit the selected posters to the local/state AATSP chapter contest coordinator, or if a local/state AATSP chapter contest does not exist, directly to the national contest by the deadline of April 1, 2023.
• Await notification from the Chapter Contest Coordinator. If selected by the chapter, await notification from the National Contest Director by the end of May.
• Award prizes/certificates to winning posters as applicable and as decided upon at your school site or by your local/state chapter.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NATIONAL CONTEST DIRECTOR
• Coordinate the selection/judging of the posters received from the chapters.
• Notify the submitting chapter/teacher of the winning poster(s).
• Send the prizes for winning posters to the sponsoring teacher to be distributed to the winning student(s).

ADDITIONAL NOTES
If a local/state AATSP chapter does not offer a Poster Contest, members may still submit entries to the national contest.

If you have any further questions about setting up a local/state AATSP Chapter Poster Contest, please contact the National Contest Director:
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