



# 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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 school-level 1<sup>st</sup> place winner according to the **grade-level categories** below. Submit **ONLY the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$1,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$500
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$250

**State-level, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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 or a Regional Workshop. Recipient 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 of the contest at the 2021 ALCA Conference. Winners announced in April 2022
February 7, 2022	POSTMARK DEADLINE for mailed submissions
February 11, 2022	DIGITAL UPLOAD DEADLINE for electronic submissions