

# Poster Contest: Calling Young Artists!



The Carolina Hunger Initiative, in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and the NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), is seeking **student artwork to promote SUN Bucks and other NC Summer Nutrition Programs for youth.**

SUN Bucks is a US Department of Agriculture program that provides a one-time payment of \$120 in grocery-buying benefits per eligible child on a debit-like card that families can use to buy nutritious food during the summer when schools are out. Learn more about SUN Bucks at [ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks](https://ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks). Kids and teens can also enjoy nutritious meals and fun activities at no cost at summer meals sites. And in some rural areas, free summer meals for children may be picked up or delivered. Learn more at [SummerMeals4NCKids.org](https://SummerMeals4NCKids.org).

## What do I create?

A **poster** that answers any of these questions:

- What nutritious foods make you smile in the summer?
- What does it look like to shop with your family or friends to get the foods you enjoy?
- What does it mean to you to have the foods you need when school is out in the summer?

See the second page for more details!

## Who can enter?

All **K-12 students** enrolled in **North Carolina public schools** are eligible to enter their artwork. Families, caregivers, and teachers are allowed to assist with submission, but the artwork needs to be created solely by the student.

## How and when do I submit by?

Please enter your submission using the QR Code or link on the second page by **Friday, May 2, 2025**, to be considered for the contest. Winners will be announced by Friday, May 16, 2025.

## How are winners selected? Is there a prize?

We will select one winner from each age group: elementary, middle, and high school. The winners will each receive **\$200** and may be celebrated at a summer nutrition event.

## Will student's personal information be used?

The artwork selected may be used to promote SUN Bucks and other NC Summer Nutrition Programs for youth. The **first name, grade level, and school** for each of the winners may be included with the artwork in promotions. We will confirm parent or guardian permission for students whose artwork is selected before announcing the winners.



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# Poster Contest: Rules & Artwork Format



Create a digital or physical poster that answers any of these questions:

1. What nutritious foods make you smile in the summer?
2. What does it look like to shop with your family or friends to get the foods you enjoy?
3. What does it mean to you to have the foods you need when school is out in the summer?

## Submit Artwork in Digital Format

- Scan or photograph physical artwork. Do not mail in artwork.
- Digitally created art is also acceptable, as long as it is student-created.
- Check that your submission is clear, easy to read, and not blurry.
- Accepted file types are pdf, png, jpeg, and tiff. Files should be no larger than 10 MB.
- Student artwork must be original and created completely by the student.
- Creativity and lots of color are encouraged!
- Entries must be on white or light-colored paper (or background if the artwork is a digital creation) that will allow duplication, scanning and display. Do not use ruled notebook paper. Do not write on the back side with marker or pen as it will show through when scanned.
- Entries must be no larger than 8.5 in. x 11 in. (a standard size of copy paper).
- Markers, crayon, watercolor, ink, pencil, acrylic, tempera paint, chalk, or colored pencils can be used.
- Words, if included on the art, must be spelled correctly and be legible.
- You can include photos of people you know (if you have asked their permission to use their photo). Winners selected will need to confirm permission is given for each person's photo.
- Permission from a parent or guardian is required. We will confirm parent or guardian permission for students whose artwork is selected before announcing the winners.

Please do NOT submit an entry that consists of:

- 3-dimensional art
- A commercial art kit or paint-by-number
- Cartoon characters you did not create
- Celebrities' images
- Images you did not create (includes AI-generated images)

**Submit artwork entries by Friday, May 2, 2025!**

Scan this QR code or go to this website



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