WSS ANNUAL DATA VISUALIZATION POSTER COMPETITION
FOR K-12 STUDENTS

Entries **must** be submitted **online** by: **April 1st, 2026**

Are you in grades K-12 in the Washington, D.C. metro area and interested in explaining data visually? Would you like to win a cash award?

Then enter the Washington Statistical Society (WSS)'s Data Visualization Poster Competition!

Even more exciting, this year we're partnering with GMU to host an **in-person judging event** for grades 10–12 candidates during the first weekend of May!

What is a data visualization poster? A data visualization poster is a display containing **two or more related graphics** that **summarize a set of data**, look at the data from **different points of view**, and answer **specific questions** about the data. You tell the story of your data with graphs and tables.

Judging

Posters will be judged on the following criteria:

► **Overall Impact (Design)** – Poster design aspects, colors/patterns, grammar, spelling, dimensionality, readability, neatness

► **Technical Aspects (Statistical Correctness) –** Age-appropriate use of statistical methods, calculations, and interpretation

► **Clarity of the Message (Statistical Process) –** How well is a story told? Formulate and answer statistical questions that account for uncertainty. (Use GAISE II as a resource.)

► **Appropriateness** – Appropriate, original graphics for the data

► **Creativity!** – A unique statistical question, original dataset, or novel approach

The best posters answer an interesting statistical question using appropriate data. Although explanatory text is important, posters with more than 25% text will be penalized—this is a *data visualization* competition!

Prizes

	Total Entries	Team Entries
1st Prize	$125	Each team member can divide the $125 among themselves
2nd Price	$75	Each team member can divide the $75 among themselves
3rd Prize	$50	Each team member can divide the $50 among themselves

All are encouraged to attend the WSS annual dinner to present their poster to a group of statisticians. Tickets may be purchased later in spring

Other Useful Information:

► Winners will be awarded among Grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

► Entry form, evaluation/judging criteria, rules for submission, and information about the national competition: *https://www.amstat.org/asa/education/ASA-Statistics-Poster-Competition-for-Grades-K-12.aspx*

   IMPORTANT NOTE: All the submission and judging will be online for 2026.
   See the link above for important entry information.

► Please find the 2025 national winners' information here: ASA 2025 Data Visualization Poster and Statistics Project Competition Winners. WSS winners will also have their submissions sent to the national ASA poster competition. National winners will receive up to another **$300** for first place!

► *Questions? Contact Sabrina Zhang (SabrinaZhang@westat.com)*