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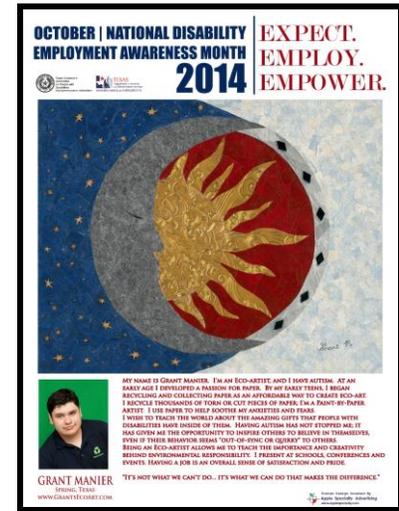
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NDEAM Poster Art Competition and Poster Distribution

Each October,
the Texas Governor's Committee on
People with Disabilities
creates a poster celebrating
National Disability Employment
Awareness Month using artwork from
a Texas artist with a disability.



What is the Governor's Committee?

The Committee is composed of twelve members who are appointed by the Governor, at least seven of whom must be persons with disabilities. The Committee is supported by a staff of five state employees. Officials from various Texas state agencies serve as advisory ex-officio members.

What does the Committee do?

The Committee and staff serve as subject matter sources of information on the abilities, rights, problems, and needs of Texans with disabilities. They advise the Governor and the state legislature on issues related to Texans with disabilities. Although the Committee does not have enforcement legislation linked to its enabling statute in the Texas Human Resources Code, Chapter 115, it develops policy recommendations based on citizen input and research.

Does the Committee work with local communities and organizations?

The Committee develops statewide networks of volunteer community-level committees to help promote dissemination of information and to support the rights of Texans with disabilities. It provides information and technical assistance to public and private agencies and businesses to promote and facilitate disability rights laws.

What is the National Disability Employment Awareness Month poster?

Each fall since 1999, the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities produces a poster celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) in October. Beginning in 2009, artwork for the poster is selected by a submission and judging process and is open to any Texas artist with a disability. Submissions are accepted from January to mid-March each year. No specific theme is mandated for the competition; the poster is designed, weaving together the winning artwork and the annual national theme from the US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy.

The colorful 18 x 24 inch posters are displayed in more than 2,500 businesses, offices, schools and colleges across the State. In addition to displaying artwork in venues around the State, the posters are exhibited alongside the original artwork at the office of the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities in Austin, and occasionally in other public venues.

****Beginning in August of each year, we accept orders for FREE posters for display in offices and businesses, and for October NDEAM celebrations throughout the state. To place an order for one or more posters, please use the contact information on this brochure.**

NDEAM Poster Art Competition SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Only **Texas artists with disabilities** are allowed to submit entries. A brief description of the artist's disability must be included in the Entry Form.

There is no age limit or specific theme. Original art in all media are eligible. There is **NO FEE** for entries. The postmark deadline for entries is March 15.

The winner of the NDEAM Poster Art contest agrees to donate the original artwork to the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, but the artist retains the rights to the image. The Texas NDEAM Poster will include acknowledgment of the artist.

A team of judges collectively decides on the winner based on such criteria as **Originality, Imagination, Visual Interest, and Skillful Use of Materials**.

The winning artist each year is invited to be a guest at the **Texas Governor's Lex Frieden Employment Awards Ceremony** in the fall and is acknowledged in a formal Press Release from the Governor's Office.

Submission Guidelines and Entry Forms are available on our website at http://gov.texas.gov/disabilities/ndeam/ndeam_poster/