



FCCA FOUNDATION 2026 CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL **POSTER COMPETITION**

"Ocean Protection Starts with Us"

All primary and secondary school students in FCCA partner destinations are invited to participate in the 2026 FCCA Foundation Children's Environmental **Poster Competition**.

The Poster Competition seeks to promote and stimulate environmental awareness among students and effectively educate younger generations on the importance of environmental protection.

RULES & GUIDELINES

- The poster contest will be conducted in two age categories:

Junior Division Children ages 12 years and under (contestants may not have passed their thirteenth (13th) birthday by September 26, 2026).

Senior Division Children ages 13 to 16 (contestants may not have passed their seventeenth (17th) birthday by September 26, 2026).

- Each student must submit one poster on the following topic:
"Ocean Protection Starts with Us"

Each poster must depict at least three (3) ways in which the student's destination can make a difference in preserving the environment. All written content must be in English.

- To be eligible, each poster must be accompanied by a summary description in English along with the title of the poster.

*****Important:** Each poster must have the completed student information form attached to the back of the poster, plus one additional copy for the judges.

- Words may be used to highlight the ideas illustrated. (Must be in English)

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- Posters should be prepared on standard size (22'' x 28'') poster or Bristol board and submitted flat.
- Posters may be in color, black and white, or a collage, in whatever medium the entrant chooses (i.e. paint, watercolors, etc.)
- Entries will be judged on the following criteria: creativity, relevance to the theme, content, quality of the presentation (layout/design).
- Each entry must be accompanied by the following information:
 - ✓ Country
 - ✓ Name of Student (in CAPITALS)
 - ✓ Student's Date of Birth
 - ✓ Address of Student
 - ✓ Student's Telephone Number
 - ✓ Name of School
 - ✓ Address of School
 - ✓ Name of School Principal
 - ✓ School Telephone Number
- The contest will be conducted in three rounds:

Round 1 Competition will be conducted in schools throughout the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America. Each individual entry must be submitted through the contestant's school.

The teachers and staff/selection committee of each school will choose two winners from their school, one from each category.

Each school must submit their entries, one from each age category, to their country's selection committee by **Thursday, October 22, 2026.**

Round 2 Each country's selection committee must choose one winner from each age group from the entries received to represent the country.

Each country should submit the posters for their **two (2) winners** (one from each category, junior and senior) to the FCCA office by **Friday, November 14th, 2026.**

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 Miramar, Florida 33025
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Round 3 The FCCA's Selection Committee will determine a first, second and third place winner for the two age categories from among the posters submitted by all **participating countries. The committee's decision is final.**

The FCCA will notify all winners by Wednesday, December 10th, 2026.

PRIZE AWARDS

First place winners from each destination will advance to the final FCCA competition, where they will compete for the overall prizes (laptop or touchscreen devices):

Junior Division (Ages 12 & Under)	Student	School
1 st Place	Laptop	US \$3,000
2 nd Place	Touchscreen device	US \$1,500
3 rd Place	Touchscreen device	US \$1,000

Senior Division (Ages 13 to 16)	Student	School
1 st Place	Laptop	US \$3,000
2 nd Place	Touchscreen device	US \$1,500
3 rd Place	Touchscreen device	US \$1,000

First place winners from each category along with their class will attend an exclusive luncheon event on board a cruise ship in their respective destinations. The FCCA will coordinate these events in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism of each destination.

To reward students for their efforts, all finalists submitted by their countries will receive US \$200.00, except for those who place first, second, or third in each category.

Thank you and best of luck!

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