

Everybody, Every Day!

Volusia County Schools School Social Services Attendance Committee announces a Poem, Poster, and Video Contest



1st Place = \$50

2nd Place = \$25

3rd Place = \$15

*Elementary, middle, and high school levels
will each have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.*



POEM

Poems must be **typewritten** on standard **8½ x 11 unfolded paper**.

POSTER

Posters must be submitted on **unfolded** art paper.

The **size** of the paper is not to be smaller than **8½ x 11** or larger than **12 x 16**.

Computer generated art must not be “clip art” or “cut and paste”.

VIDEO

Video performances must be original work of the student(s) and produced by the student(s). No copyrighted music allowed. Videos must be less than three minutes in length. Videos will be judged on how well they address the theme, the quality of the production and student creativity. Videos can be in any format: music videos, skits, documentaries, spoken poem, commercial or PSA, etc.

Videos can include individual or group. Students may submit their entry by uploading to a video-sharing website (i.e. YouTube) and emailing it to mhburke@volusia.k12.fl.us along with a brief description.

Each winning entry will receive the award (if more than one student participates in an entry, the award will be divided between them).

Deadline for entry is November 11, 2022

RULES: Only students enrolled in Volusia County Public Schools may submit an entry. Poems, posters, and videos must have a **theme of the importance of school attendance and education**. Students may only submit one entry. All entries must be original work. **Poems, posters, and videos must be identified with the name, school, and grade of the student(s)**. All entries must be screened for appropriate content and rule compliance. Entries not meeting the above eligibility requirements may be disqualified. Winning entries will be recognized by their schools, district administration, and school social work staff.

*School staff must place the poem and poster entries in manila envelopes and send by county mail to:
Melissa Burke, EDC@Atlantic High School, Portable 5*

District Attendance Initiatives 2022-2023

National/District Goal is to decrease chronic absenteeism by 10% each year

1. September-Attendance Awareness Month

This is an opportunity for schools, parents, and the community to highlight the importance of attendance and its role in academic achievement and the effects of chronic absenteeism.

2. Everybody Every Day: Poem, Poster and Video Contest

All students will have the opportunity to create poems, posters, and videos showing why attendance is important to education and school achievement. This initiative begins in September and submissions are due **November 11, 2022**

Recognition of Winners: Students receiving awards in the Everybody Every Day Attendance Contest will be recognized by their schools, district administration, and school social work staff. Students will also receive a certificate. The Everybody Every Day Awards Team will come to each school of the winners to reward them.

3. Shirley H. Lee Community Support for School Attendance Award: This award is given to an individual who has exhibited an exemplary personal commitment to promoting regular school attendance. This person has served as an advocate and/or mentor and has given of his time and/or resources to enhance the academic success of a student(s) through encouraging daily attendance. See Nomination Rules Form. This initiative begins in September and submissions are due **November 11, 2022**.

4. Excellence in Attendance Award

At the end of each semester, the schools with the highest attendance rate at the elementary, middle, high school, and alternative education levels will receive a certificate for their *Excellence in Attendance*, \$500, and a district banner to display at their school.

5. Superintendent's Attendance Challenge Award

This award will be given to the top schools at each level achieving the highest reduction in chronic absenteeism during the third nine-weeks of the 2022-2023 school year. The school achieving first place will receive \$500; the school achieving second place will receive \$250; and the school achieving third place will receive \$125. The school achieving first place will also receive a district banner to display at their school. Schools may participate in a duel challenge and the winner will be awarded \$50. Participating schools are encouraged to research ideas, seek input, and develop strategies prior to the start of the challenge. School Social Services will be providing guidelines for the challenge.

6. James T. "Tom" Russell's Great Strides in Attendance Award

This award will be given to the top schools at the elementary, middle, and high school level for achieving the highest reduction in chronic absenteeism at the end of the school year. Each winning school will receive a certificate, \$250 and a district banner to display at their school.

7. Perfect Attendance Award

Students who achieve perfect attendance for the school year, which is defined as accruing no absences from school, tardies to school/class, or early checkouts from school beginning the first day of the school year to the last, will be awarded with Perfect Attendance Certificates from the district at the beginning of the following school year (students who enroll in VCS after the first day of school are ineligible). For graduating seniors with perfect attendance, they will be awarded Perfect Attendance Certificates during the 4th quarter of the current school year.



Nominate an Outstanding Individual to Receive the

Shirley H. Lee

Community Support for School Attendance Award

This award is given to an individual who has exhibited an exemplary personal commitment to promoting regular school attendance. This person has served as an advocate and/or mentor and has given of his time and/or resources to enhance the academic success of a student(s) through encouraging daily attendance. Nominees can include school faculty and staff (i.e., administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, cafeteria workers, office specialists, and support personnel), parents, volunteers, business partners, or members of the community.

The winner of this prestigious award will be notified of their selection by School Social Services and will receive a plaque. This award is named in honor of Shirley H. Lee, the first supervisor of School Social Services who served in that capacity for 18 years. Due to her lifelong dedication to children and education, Mrs. Lee has earned the distinct honor of having this award presented in her name.

RULES

1. Nominations must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2022.
2. *Do not submit supplementary information*, as it will NOT be considered.
3. Nomination form must be filled out completely and legibly.
4. An incomplete or unsigned nomination form will be disqualified.
5. Nomination forms become the property of the Attendance Committee.
6. Selection Committee decisions are final.

(School Social Workers and members of the district School Social Services are ineligible to receive this award.)

2022-2023

Shirley H. Lee Community Support for School Attendance Award
Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:			
Agency/Affiliation:			
Address:			
Phone:		E-mail:	

Please select the category of your nominee:

Check only one:	<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty or Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Business partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Please provide the following information regarding your nominee.

1. Describe the outstanding activity/activities performed by the nominee.

2. What was the impact of the nominee's activity upon the student/students?

3. Tell us a little about why you feel this person deserves an award for providing outstanding support for school attendance. (Include any interesting or unusual information about the nominee. Attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.)

Nominator's Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Please forward all nominations via truck mail, fax, or e-mail by October 31, 2022

Mail to: Melissa Burke, School Social Worker, EDC/Atlantic High-Portable 5

Fax: (386) 763-3783

E-mail: mhburke@volusia.k12.fl.us