

## NCMS 2026 Poster Contest Rules

The Deputy Chapter Chair Liaison shall have oversight responsibility for the contest. This responsibility includes the establishment of contest rules and coordination of the logistics, judging, reproduction, and dissemination of entries.

1. Chapter poster entries must be submitted by chapter members to their respective chapter chair (or other officer if needed) for entry into the contest and must include an entry form. Each Chapter or Organization can submit up to four posters into each category listed below. Chapter Chairs will submit all entries via the specified submission tool. Professional Category posters are sent directly to the CCL Team at [ccl@classmgmt.com](mailto:ccl@classmgmt.com) with the subject line: NCMS 2026 Poster Contest Submission.  
Entries must have a security education theme and fall within one of the three categories below, designated by the poster entrant:
  - a. **Contemporaneous** - posters created by NCMS members for use within their own agencies/companies and must have been used in security awareness programs.
  - b. **New Design** - posters created by NCMS members for use within their own agencies/companies. They must be original designs and may be hand drawn sketches, as well as finished originals. New design entries, as a minimum, must include a sketch - a written description alone will be ineligible.
  - c. **Professional** - posters created by government or commercial entities that have security education for individuals outside their organizations as a primary mission.

Integration of the NCMS logo is encouraged. Any entry that has been produced for commercial use or is copyrighted or contains copyrighted images (i.e. Mickey Mouse) will not be accepted and, except for Professional Design submittals.

2. All poster entries must be received no later than May 1st.
3. All entries will be on display at the Annual Training Seminar. A committee consisting of the chapter chairpersons will judge the contest. The judges will evaluate the posters on the bases of originality, security message, and graphic concept. The winners in each category will be announced at the Seminar. First, Second, Third Place, and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded to the winning chapters for each category. A People's Choice Award will also be given based upon voting among the seminar attendees.
4. Any poster entries that do not conform to the rules and entry guidelines will be ineligible. If the poster is determined to be eligible, there are no appeals.
5. All winning entries become the property of NCMS and NCMS maintains all publication rights. The winning entries may be reproduced and distributed by NCMS. NCMS reserves the right to modify winning entries.
6. Posters must have the following characteristics:
  - a. 11" x 17" dimensions
  - b. Portrait Style only
  - c. A minimum of 300 DPI
  - d. The file shall not exceed 10MB
  - e. Submitted as a PDF, ESP, AI, or TIFF

**Distribution** - NCMS reserves the right to have the winning posters sent to a commercial graphic arts facility or sponsoring company for final professional preparation prior to reproduction and dissemination to the membership. NCMS may publish both posters within six-month intervals.