

# National Radon Poster Contest

## Guidelines and Criteria

### The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can kill. The Surgeon General lists radon exposure as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. This radioactive element comes from the ground, and can easily enter homes and buildings through foundation openings. The only way to detect the amount of radon present is to test.

### The Goal: Raise Awareness

Harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas are a problem. The solution is to reduce the number of homes with these elevated levels. This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

### The Participation: Far-reaching

Schools from all 50 states, U.S. territories, tribal nations, and the Department of Defense (DoD) are encouraged to participate in the contest. Winners and runners-up in these categories will be entered into the national contest. Visit [www.sosradon.org](http://www.sosradon.org) for poster submission information. Check to see if your state participates in the contest at <http://sosradon.org/poster-contest-contacts>. If your state does not accept entries, then entries can be submitted at-large to Kansas State University.

## The Prize: Awards and Recognition

National winners will receive award plaques and gift cards in the amount of \$1000 for first place, \$600 for second, \$400 for third, and \$400 for special online voting recognition. National winners will be recognized in the state and EPA region where they live, and the posters will be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.



2013 First Place Winner—Eliza

## Poster Topics

Choose from the following five topics:

1. What is radon?
2. Where does radon come from?
3. How does radon get into our homes?
4. Radon can cause lung cancer.
5. Test your home for radon.

## Eligibility Requirements

Children ages 9-14 are eligible. Entrants can be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, DoD, or home school—or through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer, or science club; scouting organization; or 4-H club.

## Judging Criteria

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility
- Originality

## Artwork Requirements

Artwork must meet the following requirements:

- White paper—size preferred is 12 x 18 or 8.5 x 11, but all submission sizes will be accepted.
- No student names on the front.
- Include a title on the front.
- Topic and title must be on the artwork.
- Submission form is available at [www.sosradon.org](http://www.sosradon.org).
- Create the poster with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, pencil, photographs, or computer graphics.
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos, and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.

## Contest Calendar

- Contest opens February 1, 2013, and closes November 1, 2013.
- Judging will occur by November 20, 2013.
- National winners will be notified by December 10, 2013.

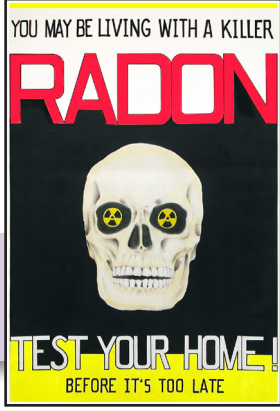
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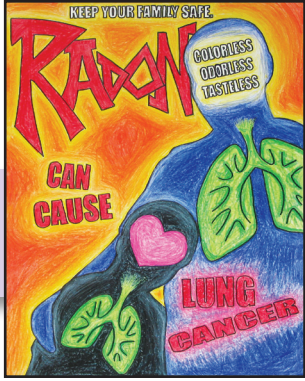
# Previous Winners

2013  
Eliza



2012  
Laura

2011  
Logan



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**Will one of your students win our contest?**



2012 Third Place Winner—Jorgia



2012 Second Place Winner—Hayden with Governor



2012 Online Special Mention—Claire