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MAKE JAMAICA BULLY-FREE

POSTER COMPETITION 2026

ENTRY FORM

Name of Artist: _____ **Age:** _____

Name of School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Home Address: _____ **Parish:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Contact Number: _____ **Parent/Guardian's Email Address:** _____

Parent/Guardian Consent: Please tick the box below to confirm permission for your child to participate.

☐ **I give permission for my child to participate in the CPFSA Anti-Bullying Poster Competition.**

Title of Entry: _____

Materials Used: _____

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Size: _____ **Date Submitted:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

By signing below, I confirm that the artwork submitted is the entrant's own original work and was completed by the entrant ONLY.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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WHY THIS COMPETITION MATTERS

Bullying is not "just teasing" - it can leave lasting scars. It can affect a child's confidence, well-being, learning, and sense of safety.

A national Jamaican study found that 9 in 10 students had witnessed bullying, while almost 30% reported being afraid to attend school because of it. As Jamaica prepares for a new school year, the Child Protection and Family Services Agency (CPFSA) is calling on children and young people to use their creativity and voices to challenge bullying and champion kindness, respect, inclusion and safety.

Together, let's take a stand against bullying and make Jamaica bully-free!

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Children between the ages 6-17 years who have been residing in Jamaica for at least a year.**

2. **Each entrant must submit a fully completed entry form. Entry forms may be downloaded form the CPFSA website at www.childprotection.gov.jm or collected at any of the CPFSA Offices islandwide.**

3. **Posters must be completed at 18 x 24 inches.**

4. **Posters must be made using manual drawing and painting techniques. No digital elements are allowed.**

5. **Completed entry forms and poster submissions must be submitted to any of the CPFSA Offices by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2026.**

6. **The children of members of staff of the CPFSA, Anti-Bullying Technical Working Group, or its key partners are NOT permitted to participate in the competition.**

7. **Each entrant is permitted to submit only ONE entry for the competition.**

8. **Entries will be assessed as per the age group of the entrant. There are four age categories: 6-8 years (early primary-level students), 9-11 years (senior primary-level students), 12-14 years (junior high school students) and 15-17 years (senior high school students).**

THEME

1. Each poster must address the theme of anti-bullying under the theme: Make Jamaica Bully-Free. It should also promote awareness, prevention, intervention, inclusion, respect, kindness, or positive relationships

2. The message of the poster should be clear and appropriate for the age group of the entrant.

3. Entries should encourage constructive and positive responses to bullying rather than promote retaliation, vio lence, or humiliation.

4. Entries must not contain profanity, hate speech, discriminatory content, sexually explicit material, or imagery that promotes violence.

5. The poster must not identify, ridicule, threaten, embarrass, or target a specific individual or group.

6. Depictions of bullying may be used where necessary to communicate the message, but they should not glorify or encourage bullying behaviour.

ORIGINALITY

1. The poster submitted MUST be the entrant's original work. Process images of the work in development may be required.

2. Entrants must NOT submit artwork that was created by or copied from another person’s artwork, whether this artwork exists online, in print, or in any other format whatsoever.

3. Entrants are not permitted to submit AI-generated or AI-assisted compositions.

4. Copyrighted images, logos, characters, photographs, or other materials should NOT be used without appropriate permission.

ADJUDICATION CRITERIA

1. Originality and creativity
2. Strength and clarity of the message
3. Composition and design
4. Technical skill and finish
5. Appropriateness for the intended audience

DISQUALIFICATION

1. It is not consistent with the theme and visual requirements of the competition.
2. It is submitted after the deadline.
3. It violates copyright or intellectual property rights.
4. It contains inappropriate, offensive, discriminatory, or threatening content.
5. It is not the participant's original work.
6. False or misleading information is provided during submission.
7. The entry does not meet the required technical specifications.
8. The participant breaches any other published competition rule.

OWNERSHIP AND DISPLAY

1. Participants retain ownership of their original artwork unless the competition rules state otherwise.

2. By entering this competition, participants grant the organizers permission to reproduce, display, publish, or use artwork for non-commercial educational, promotional, and anti-bullying awareness purposes, with appropriate attribution where applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. The decision of the judging panel will be final.

2. Organizers reserve the right to reject or disqualify an entry that does not comply with the competition rules.

3. Organizers reserve the right to amend competition dates, procedures, or requirements where circumstances require, with reasonable notice to participants.

4. By entering this competition, participants consent to the use of their entry design, name, and any photographs or other likenesses for publicity, advertising, or informational purposes carried out by the CPFSA in any medium or format without further notice or compensation.

TIMELINES

ENTRY OPEN: Tuesday, August 25, 2026
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, September 25, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
SUBMIT TO: Any CPFSA Parish Office, island-wide.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 (National Anti-Bullying Day), Jamaica Conference Centre
WINNERS: 12 prize winners to be announced – 3 for each age group