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2026 Sun Safety Poster Contest

The Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery (PAD) is proud to sponsor yet again a statewide Sun Safety Educational Poster Contest to give your school the opportunity to win a \$5,000 grant to fund a sun safety education program or shade structure on your campus!



RESOURCES FOR THE CONTEST: The PAD and ASDSA believe that a significant way to impact student health is to help fund educational programs at school and encourage follow through at home. A group of leaders from the PAD will evaluate each submission presented to ensure that it addresses all of the requirements noted below. Information about the Pennsylvania law and other resources on sun safety

Resource Name	Web Address
Act 105	https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?year=2017&sind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1228
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association	https://www.asds.net/skin-experts/skin-cancer/sun-safety
National Environmental Education Foundation	https://www.neefusa.org/sunwise
Skin Cancer Foundation	https://www.skincancer.org/skin-cancer-prevention/sun-protection/
Richard David Kann Melanoma Foundation	https://melanomafoundation.com/student-against-melanoma-sam/



Applications Due: January 30, 2026



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2026 Contest Timeline

January 30, 2026: Applications due
**March 27, 2026: Winner notified, and
grant distributed shortly thereafter**
December 1, 2026: Grant outcome report due

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

1. The artwork must be original and created by a student in grades K-12.
2. Please write the student's name, grade, and school name on the back of the project. Include application form and plan for use of the grant money with the submitted artwork.
3. Each school should select one (1) student to represent their school in the statewide contest. Multiple schools in a district may submit an entry, but only one entry per school will be accepted.
4. Artwork should exemplify sun safety behavior, sunscreen use, and/or the recent sunscreen in schools' law. The artwork should target a school-age audience and educate them in some way on how to protect their skin from UV damage. Artwork may have pictures only, words only, or both.
5. Artwork must be sponsored by a teacher or school administrator who is listed on the application.
6. The artwork submission must include a plan for use of the \$5,000 award. In past years, the PTO has been a partner with the school to help implement the project. We advise you coordinate with your PTO (or equivalent) to complete the application and include a letter indicating their support.
7. Grant money must directly benefit students at the submitting students' school. Special consideration may be given to those submissions whose plan involves a project or tools to improve the health or safety of students. This plan must be approved and cosigned by the school principal.
8. The grant will be issued in the form of a \$5,000 check to the school and \$50 gift card to the student.
9. Prize recipient sponsor must submit a short post-project summary of how funds were used by December 1, 2026.
10. Grant recipient in return gives permission for the PAD and ASDSA to use their poster on their websites, in presentations, and/or in other educational materials.

All applications, artwork, and PTO or HSA letter of support may be sent via hard copy to:

Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology
Sun Safety Poster Contest
400 Winding Creek Blvd
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

You may also email your submission digitally in .pdf to: info@padermatology.org.

Thank you for your efforts in educating and supporting our children in living healthy lifestyles. Please contact PAD staff if you have any questions by email at info@padermatology.org or by phone at 866.650.3376.



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2026 Entry Form



SECTION 1 To be completed by **Supporting Staff/Teacher** - please print or type

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School City: _____ State/Zip Code _____

School Phone: _____ County: _____

School Principal's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Phone: _____ Teacher's E-mail: _____

Media Specialist's Name: _____

Media Specialist's Phone: _____ Media Specialist's E-mail: _____

Please attach proposal of how your school will utilize the funds.



SECTION 2 To be completed about **Student**

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade: _____



SECTION 3 Permission to Release (to be completed by **School Personnel** and the Student's Parents)

We would like to share your essay with the world! However, our lawyer tells us we cannot do it without your parent's consent, so we need a parent to sign and return this form.

I (we) hereby assign and grant to the Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery a full and irrevocable license to produce, publish and distribute the titled work listed above in any form whatsoever including, but not limited to, printed publications, audio and/or visual recording of the presentation, and publication of an abstract.

School Personnel print and sign name: _____

Student's Parent print and sign name: _____



SECTION 4 Description of Proposed Project and Letter of Support

The artwork submission must include a plan for the use of the \$5,000 award. Grant money must directly benefit students at the submitting student's school. Special consideration may be given to those submissions whose plan involves a project or tools to improve the health or safety of students. This plan must be approved by the school principal.

In past years the PTO or HSA has been a partner with the school to help implement the project, **we advise you coordinate with your PTO (or equivalent) to complete the application and include a letter indicating their support.**

Please attach your PTO (or equivalent) letter of support.



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2025 Poster Contest Winner

Kaleb: Grade 12 at Keystone High School in Knox, PA

