



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

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Dear Educator:

I have enclosed information regarding our 2016 Organ/Tissue Donor Awareness Student Poster Contest as well as the winning entry from the previous contest.

By increasing awareness about organ and tissue donation, we can help shorten the waiting list and give others a second chance. You can help by encouraging your students to participate in our 21st biennial statewide poster contest.

The contest is open to all Illinois students in grades K-12, and entries are divided into four categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Rules are included on the enclosed entry form. Each winning student will receive a prize.

Entries should be mailed to the Secretary of State's office at the address provided on the entry form. Entries must be postmarked by **January 31, 2016**. Judges designated by my office will select a winner from each category and one grand prizewinner. Each winner will be notified by mail to the school address provided on the entry form and their family, teacher and principal will be invited to attend a ceremony in spring 2016. Prizes will be awarded to each category winner, and the grand prizewinning poster will be duplicated and displayed in the Secretary of State Driver Services facilities, libraries and hospitals statewide.

We sincerely hope your school will choose to participate in this exciting project. If you need additional posters, other educational materials or would like a speaker to visit your school, please contact our Office Manager Karen Kohnke at (217) 782-6258 or kkohnke@ilsos.net. Additional information, entry forms and rules can be obtained from our website at www.LifeGoesOn.com.

Thank you for your cooperation in promoting this wonderful cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State