

Dear Applicant:

The North Alabama Professionals Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NAL NSBE Professionals) invites 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in our Creative Minds Poster Contest. NAL NSBE Professionals encourages and stimulates youth in the areas of math and science by offering programs and services that include scholarship endowment, tutorial programs, advanced study skills and more. In keeping with its objectives, NAL NSBE Professionals is providing the opportunity for young students to participate in a poster contest where the winners will receive a "Summer Science Fun Pack". The fun pack will include tickets to the local technical activities which may include the US Space and Rocket Center, Train Museum and other prices.

NAL NSBE Professionals will award Summer Science Fun Packs to each winner as selected by a panel of judges. We believe that this contest will become a time-tested tradition of NAL NSBE Professionals, giving us an opportunity to advance the importance of science and math among elementary students. The contest has dual purposes – to motivate today's young people towards creative thinking and to stimulate interest in science, math and other subjects that support technology.

**The criteria for the Creative Minds Poster Contest are as follows:**

- Complete and submit the Creative Minds Poster contest application or you may complete the application online at <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024CreativeMind>. Applications must be postmarked by **Friday, March 9, 2024**.

The poster must address the topic:

**Design a futuristic vehicle and include new technology that you would like to see in the future. Create at least one science experience on your poster that you would perform.**

- Participants must be students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade (open to all schools)
- Presentations must be made on standard 22" by 28" poster board paper (any color)
- The student's name, grade, and school must be printed neatly in the top right corner of the back of the poster
- Posters must be created, developed, and verbally illustrated by the student
- Posters will be presented to a panel of judges prior to selecting a winner. If you are a finalist, you will be notified of the location, date and time to present.
- No offensive messages (explicit or implied) based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, or sexual orientation
- The contest is limited to the first 50 applicants
- The following are the judging criteria for the posters:
  - ORIGINALITY - uniqueness of thought (40%)
  - CONTENT - relevancy to topic, depth and accuracy of information presented (30%)
  - PRESENTATION - clarity of expression, quality of grammar, & neatness of presentation (30%)

The winning posters will be determined by a panel of objective judges. The decision of the judges is final. Winners will also be recognized at the NAL NSBE Professionals Annual Scholarship Program scheduled for **April 2024**.

There is no limit on the number of students that can participate from each school, church, or community organization. If there are any questions or concerns, you may contact Melvin Felton at (256) 679-2892 (email: [scholarhsip@nsbe-northalabamaae.com](mailto:scholarhsip@nsbe-northalabamaae.com)) or Pam McDonald at email: [nsbenorthalabamaae@gmail.com](mailto:nsbenorthalabamaae@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



Melvin D. Felton  
Scholarship Committee Chairperson  
North Alabama NSBE Professionals

# CREATIVE MINDS POSTER CONTEST APPLICATION

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Information					
Last:		First:		MI:	
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:		Email:	
Sex:		DOB:			
Ethnicity (mark with X):		Black:	Caucasian:	Hispanic:	Asian: Native American: Other:

Parent/Guardian Information		
Last:		MI:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:

## II. POSTER TOPIC AND RULES

**Design a futuristic vehicle and include new technology that you would like to see in the future. Create at least one science experience on your poster that you would perform.**

**Please design and illustrate how you would create and implement this change.**

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<b>Poster Title</b>
<b>Brief Description of Poster</b>

**Your completed package must include:**  
**1. Your completed application (or you may complete the application online at <http://tinyurl.com/NSBE2024CreativeMind> . Please submitted a printed color photo of your completed poster with title included.**

**Mail items to following address on or before  
Friday, March 9, 2024.**

**North Alabama NSBE Professionals  
Attn: Creative Minds Poster Contest  
P. O. Box 949  
Huntsville, AL 35804**

**DO NOT MAIL YOUR POSTERS – YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING AND PRESENT THEM AT THE TIME OF YOUR INTERVIEW.**

I have completed this Scholarship application and do affirm that the information contained here is true and correct.

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_