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## NACo Announces "I Love My County Because" Art Contest

Lancaster, Ohio – Students in Fairfield County have an opportunity to show off their love for their local government at the national level. In an effort to bolster civic education in schools and communities and educate youth on the role of county government, the National Association of Counties launched the "I Love My County Because" Art Contest in conjunction with National County Government Month (April) celebration.

NACo and Fairfield County are spreading the word about how counties operate to children and young adults across the country ages 18 and under by inviting them to create artwork for a 2021-2022 "Counties Matter" calendar to celebrate April as National County Government Month.

"We encourage all students across Fairfield County to submit their artwork to the 'I Love My County Because' contest," said Dr. Carri Brown, County Administrator. "By participating, we hope to raise awareness about county programs and services that impact people's lives every day."

Winning artwork will be featured in an 18-month NACo calendar, which will be distributed to NACo members nationwide. Winners will also be announced in <u>County News</u> their artwork will be displayed at NACo's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The competition submission period closes May 31, 2021. There is no entry fee. For a full list of eligibility criteria and rules, visit www.naco.org/ncgm.

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