MLTI Student Conference 2023 T-Shirt Design Competition Submission Guidelines

Eligibility:

- Any 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade student who attends a participating MLTI school during the 2022-2023 school year.
- Students may work in teams, but the design must be an original piece of artwork created <u>only</u> by eligible students.

Submission Guidelines:

- The theme for the 20th annual MLTI Student Conference is "DiveRightIn" (Dive Right In) and all submissions should include the text "DiveRightIn" as a central feature of the design. The conceptual theme is focused around water and primary events at the conference will use that theme.
- Design elements may include (but are not limited to):
    - the ocean, rivers and other waterways
    - ocean and freshwater life
    - the water cycle
    - fishing and aquaculture
    - maritime life and history
    - ships, boats, lighthouses and navigation
    - tides and currents
    - mythological sea creatures
- *Optional:* Students may submit an artist statement (less than 200 words) with their design to help bring clarity to their adherence to the theme.
- ***Required***: Submitted artwork must incorporate the phrase "MLTI Student Conference" and the year "2023" or "'23".
- Students must incorporate the MLTI logo into their design: **MLTI Black and Transparent Logo**.
- All submissions must be an original artwork. Any use of any photo, drawing, images, or elements created by any other person (other than the MLTI logo) is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- Please adhere to the guidelines for the **Scholastic Art and Writing Awards regarding copyright and plagiarism**: Even if you have permission to use a work or if the work is in the public domain, the work that you submit to this competition must represent a new, original work. Additionally, changing the medium of an original work is not considered transformative. For example, a painting or drawing of a photograph taken from the Internet or a magazine is not considered original and should not be submitted.
- Each student or team may only submit one entry.
- The artwork should be sized to $8^1/_2$" x 11".
- Designs may be hand-drawn or digital.

- Digitally designed artwork should be 300 dpi, RGB color, and the fonts must be embedded.
- Acceptable file types: PDF or JPEG high resolution.
- Color: T-shirts are <u>one</u> solid color with <u>one</u> color ink, and the student can suggest the color for each.
- The t-shirt design must fit on the front of the t-shirt.
- Signed Release: Each student must sign this **release** and include it in their submission.

Judging Criteria

- **Guidelines:** Work clearly adheres to the submission guidelines.
- **Theme**: Work has represented the theme MLTI Launches-Space2Connect!
- **Principles of Design:** Work incorporated the following elements of art: balance, emphasis, movement, pattern, repetition, proportion, rhythm, variety, and unity.