

**The New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
presents:**

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

All ages welcome to participate in this *online* event

Voting begins October 21, 2020

Join us for a fun event supporting an important cause!



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month! Help the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV) raise awareness and have fun while doing it.



Who: Anyone! Participants of any age can decorate a pumpkin and submit an entry into the contest.

What: Due to COVID-19 considerations, this is a virtual event. Participants can decorate pumpkins at home and submit a registration form/photograph of the decorated pumpkin to enter the contest.

Where: Participants' homes or the location of your choosing. Please practice recommended social distancing if gathering in a group to decorate your pumpkins.

When: You are encouraged to decorate, photograph, and register your pumpkin anytime before voting begins. Voting will take place October 21-28. Winners will be announced on October 29.

Why: Not only is this a fun activity to express creativity and celebrate Halloween festivities, but participating in the contest provides vital financial support of NYSCADV's work, focused on preventing domestic violence and supporting service providers and survivors throughout New York State.

How: Decorate a pumpkin, submit your registration and photograph, and share your entry with your network to get votes! It's fun and easy!

Pumpkin Decorating Guidelines & Tips



CONTEST RULES

- Pumpkins can be painted and/or carved. Get creative!
- Additional materials are allowed to be attached to the pumpkin if you choose.
- Each pumpkin should have a name/title.
- No pre-purchased or pre-decorated pumpkins are allowed to enter the contest.
- Participants can enter multiple pumpkins into the contest (each pumpkin requires a separate registration fee).

DECORATING TIPS

- Wash your pumpkin before decorating.
- Store your pumpkin in a cool, dry place, protected from frost.
- If you are painting your pumpkin, use acrylic paint (it lasts longer).
- Use glue or pins to attach decorations to your pumpkin.
- Children should always be supervised by an adult.



Contest Registration & Voting Process



To register, contestants will submit a completed registration form and registration fee (\$15 per entry) as well as a high-resolution photo of the decorated pumpkin.

Voting will take place October 21-28 on the NYSCADV Facebook page. Anyone can cast a vote by simply "liking" the NYSCADV page, and "liking" the photo of the pumpkin they are voting for. Like and share with your network to get more votes!

A toolkit with tips for promoting your pumpkin and getting votes will be sent to all registrants!

Voting ends at 5pm on October 28. Winners will be announced on Facebook on October 29.

There will be a winner for each age group, as well as a "Purple Pumpkin" award that will be given to the pumpkin of any age category that has the most creative purple theme. Purple is the color for domestic violence awareness, so NYSCADV wants to recognize a pumpkin that exemplifies this theme. The winner of the Purple Pumpkin award will be chosen by the NYSCASDV staff team.



Visit [NYSCADV.org](https://nyscadv.org) for more information and to register!

Email gpeatie@nyscadv.org with questions.

Thank you for your support!

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