

The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. The goal of SAAM is to raise awareness about sexual violence and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.

## Youth Media Contest

As part of the 2011 Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP) invites students to participate in a media contest. **Students are encouraged to submit a piece inspired by the theme "It's time...to get involved"** or any of the other themes listed at <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/current-campaign>.

Students may enter in one or both of the following categories:

- **Visual & Written Arts:** includes drawings, paintings, posters, photographs (no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches) or songs, poetry, short stories, etc. (Must not be longer than 500 words)
- **Videos:** includes public service announcements, music videos, etc. (Videos may not exceed two minutes in length, and should be in WMV format.)

**Who Can Participate?** Iowans in junior high, high school and college in Johnson, Cedar, Iowa, and Washington Counties are eligible. RVAP reserves the right to verify participant eligibility.

### Contest Rules

- More than one student can be involved in the project. However, each project will be eligible for only one prize. RVAP will not be responsible for dividing the prize amongst the project winner(s).
- All entries must be the original work of the student(s) involved in the entry. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work.
- Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. This includes the use of copyrighted cartoon characters, music, or other material.
- An application form and media release form must accompany each entry. Participants under 18 years of age must have the media release form signed by a parent or guardian. Forms can be obtained at [www.rvap.org](http://www.rvap.org) or by calling Kristin Dawson at (319) 335-6001.

### Contest Deadline

- Entries must be emailed ([prevention-education-rvap@uiowa.edu](mailto:prevention-education-rvap@uiowa.edu)), mailed or delivered to RVAP (332 South Linn Street, Suite 100, Iowa City, IA 52240).
- Entries must be received no later than **4:59 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011**.

### Winners

- Two winning entries will be chosen: one for visual/written arts and one for videos. Each winning entry will receive a \$200 Gift Card. Winners can choose a gift card from one of the following options: Target, Amazon.com, Best Buy, Walmart, or i-Tunes!
- RVAP staff will select the winners based on the quality and accuracy of information presented. All entries may be altered by the Rape Victim Advocacy Program and used for advertising, posters, fliers, promotional materials, facebook.com, youtube.com or shown for educational presentations.
- Winners will be announced on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to kickoff Sexual Assault Awareness Month on our website ([www.rvap.org](http://www.rvap.org)).

**Questions?** Contact Kristin Dawson at [prevention-education-rvap@uiowa.edu](mailto:prevention-education-rvap@uiowa.edu) or (319) 335-6001.