

## MAVA Connecting for Success 2026 Conference Graphic Contest

The Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc. (MAVA) is a professional association of educational leaders who administer and advocate for high-quality vocational-technical and agricultural education in Massachusetts.

The Connecting for Success Conference is a premier educational conference that offers targeted Professional Development for Career and Technical Education.

The Connecting for Success Steering Committee is inviting students from Massachusetts vocational technical high schools or Chapter 74-approved programs in Massachusetts comprehensive high schools, to submit a graphic to be used on promotional materials for the 2026 Connecting for Success conference.

### CONTEST RULES

1. Graphic must be created by contestant and cannot contain copyrighted material.
2. Graphic should represent the conference theme:  
**“Skill Shift: Preparing Today’s Students for Tomorrow’s Trades”**
3. Entries should consider multiple orientation needs (portrait, landscape, square).
4. One entry allowed per student.
5. **DEADLINE FOR ENTRY is 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday March 2, 2026.**
  - Contestants should email graphic in pdf format along with signed entry form to [bethanybotelho@mava.us](mailto:bethanybotelho@mava.us). The email subject line should be first initial, last name, school (*Sample: F. LAST\_SCHOOL*).
6. Winner will be announced by March 31, 2026, and will be awarded \$250!
7. Winner will be asked to submit one-color variation and native files.

### WINNER SELECTION

The winner will be selected by the Connecting for Success Steering Committee and will be announced by March 31, 2026, and will be **awarded a check for \$250**. The winner’s name and logo will be used on the MAVA website and for various communications and marketing material. The winner will be asked to submit native files and ownership rights, including intellectual property rights, to the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc. (MAVA). The winner understands that the logo may be modified, revised, or altered as needed.

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### ENTRY FORM

#### ARTIST INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Vocational Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ YOG: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Artist: Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the rules of the contest. I understand that if my entry is selected as the winner, I will relinquish all intellectual and creative rights to the design, which voids the ability to copyright and benefit from the sale or reproduction of this work. I also agree to work with the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Inc. (MAVA) and the Connecting for Success Conference Steering Committee on requested edits to the original design. I further understand and authorize MAVA and the Connecting for Success Steering Committee to use, distribute, sell, and share this design in any capacity they see fit.

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Signature of Artist

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian  
(if artist is under 18 years old)

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Date