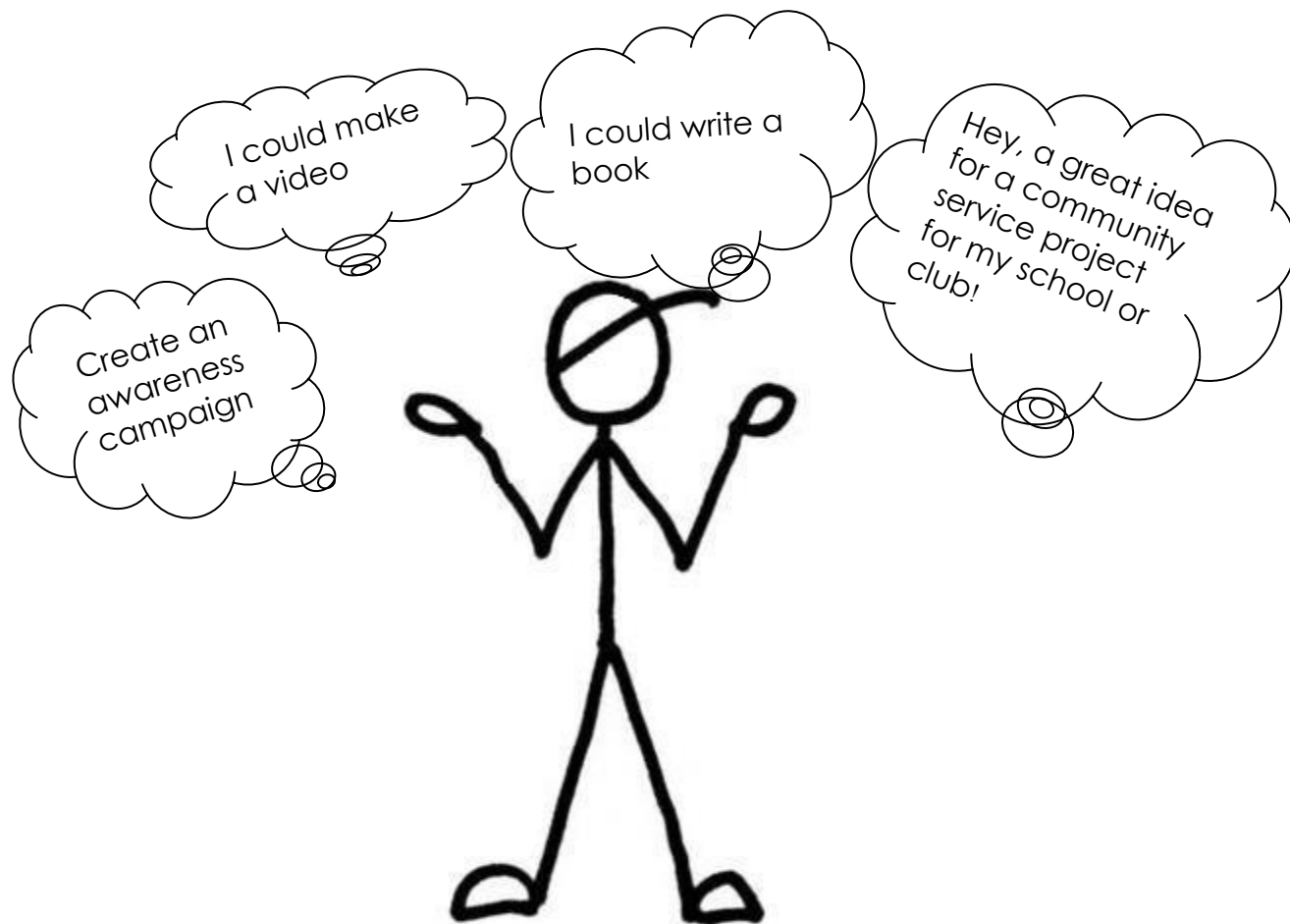


Announcing the second annual  
**Create your own**  
**Autism Awareness Contest**

*Sponsored by the CT Autism Action Coalition*

For all CT youth ages 6-18!  
Winner to be announced at Autism Awareness Day at the Capitol in Hartford in  
early April 2016  
Individual or team projects  
**\$500 prize (12 and over)/\$250 prize (under 12)**  
Register or for more information: [CAACcontest@gmail.com](mailto:CAACcontest@gmail.com)  
Deadlines for submissions—March 7 2016.



**See reverse for complete contest rules and information!**  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Email [caaccontest@gmail.com](mailto:caaccontest@gmail.com)**



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## CONTEST RULES

1. Registration required. Send an e-mail to [caaccontest@gmail.com](mailto:caaccontest@gmail.com) for registration information. Or you can call 203-265-7717.
2. Submissions due by 12:00 midnight March 7, 2016.
3. You can do a project by yourself or with a team of friends, classmates or others your age. All projects should be done by students although they can get help from an adult when needed. Just remember that we really want to see what students themselves can do!
4. All projects should include individuals with autism as much as possible. In other words, if you have classmates or friends with autism, they really should be involved in your awareness project.
5. When you submit your project, include a 1-2 page summary that explains:
  - (a) Who was involved
  - (b) How you came up with the idea for the project
  - (c) What YOU learned from the project and
  - (d) Anything else you think will help us understand why you did what you did
  - (e) OPTIONAL: You can also include any other written materials, video, photographs, articles, links to blog posts or other online pieces
6. The purpose of the contest is to promote awareness of autism spectrum disorders within a community, AND to promote the following values:
  - Inclusion
  - Acceptance
  - Celebration of Diversity
  - Empowerment
  - Community Belonging and Participation
  - Up to date and accurate information about autism
  - Avoidance of generalizations and stereotypes
  - Promotion of talents and strengths of those with autism

For more ideas and definitions of what these values mean, go to the website at:  
<http://caacautismproject.weebly.com/>

7. Projects will be scored on these criteria:
  - Impact: What kind of impact did the project have on community awareness? Examples of impact include increased knowledge, attitude change, inspiration for a follow-up project or activity, or new skills/doing things differently. How many people were involved? Your community can be as small as your classroom or school or as large as your town. What matters is that you make a difference within your community, not how large the community is.
  - Sustainability: Will the project be able to continue beyond the submission date? Do you (individually or as a team) plan to continue? Is there a plan for someone else to continue your activity in the community? Did you produce a product that can be used by others in the future? How will they know about how to get it and use it?
  - Acceptance: How does the project promote acceptance of differences among people? Are the people who were affected by the project more aware of the fact that we are all different, learn differently, act differently, speak, walk and talk differently? Have people involved in your project grown in their understanding and acceptance of autism in particular?
8. For more information go to <http://caacautismproject.weebly.com>, e-mail [CAACcontest@gmail.com](mailto:CAACcontest@gmail.com) or call 203-265-7717.