



National Chemistry Week 2011: “Chemistry – Our Health, Our Future!” Illustrated Poem Contest

As part of their National Chemistry Week (NCW) and the International Year of Chemistry (IYC) celebration, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in Kindergarten – 12th grade.

Write and illustrate a poem using the National Chemistry Week theme, “**Chemistry – Our Health, Our Future!**” Your poem can be in **any** style as long as it is **no more** than **40 words**. Some examples are:



Haiku
Limerick
Ode
ABC poem
Free Verse
End Rhyme
Blank Verse



Example of End Rhyme Style:

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are you!

Possible topics related to health and chemistry include:

Hygiene Minerals
Nutrition Medicine
Vitamins

Winners will be selected in each of the following categories:

- K – 2nd grade
- 3rd – 5th grade
- 6th – 8th grade
- 9th – 12th grade

National Prizes:

1st Place in each grade category – \$300
2nd Place in each grade category – \$150

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ACS Local Sections are encouraged to participate in the National Chemistry Week (NCW) illustrated poem contest by inviting area Kindergarten – 12th grade students to compete.

Contest Rules

- Poems must conform to a particular style. **No poem may be longer than 40 words.**
- The topic of the poem and the illustration must be related to the NCW theme, **“Chemistry – Our Health, Our Future!”**
- All entries must be original works without aid from others.
- Each poem must be submitted and illustrated on an unlined sheet of paper (of any type) not larger than 11” x 14”. The illustration must be created by hand using crayons, watercolors, other types of paint, colored pencils or markers. The text of the poem should be easy to read and may be printed with a computer, before the hand-drawn illustration is added, or the poem may be written on lined paper which is cut out and pasted onto the unlined paper with the illustration.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- **All entries must include an entry form.** In addition, please write the student’s full name on the back of the poster.
- All illustrated poems and/or digital representations of the poems become the property of the American Chemical Society.
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners’ names, likenesses and entries for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes.

Entries will be judged based upon:

- Relevance to and incorporation of the theme
- Word choice and imagery
- Colorful artwork
- Adherence to poem style
- Originality and creativity
- Overall presentation

All Posters must be postmarked by October 20, 2011.

Winners of the Cincinnati Section of the ACS along with their teachers and parents will be honored as guests of our local section’s dinner meeting in April of 2012.

The Cincinnati Section ACS will submit the local winning poster in each of the four grade categories to the National ACS Office of Community Activities in Washington, DC.

First place winners of the national contest will be announced on the national website and via email announcement. Thus, if you are a winner in the local or the national ACS contest you will be notified. If you are not notified, then you did not win.

Educators: Please encourage your students to participate in this contest...it is FUN.

You can find more information and additional resources for your classroom/students at: www.acs.org/new

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Send posters by 10/20/11 to:

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