National Chemistry Week Illustrated Poem Contest

As part of their National Chemistry Week (NCW) 2012, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in Kindergarten – 12th grades. This year marks the 25th anniversary of National Chemistry Week. Entries are judged based upon relevance to and incorporation of the NCW theme (“Nanotechnology: The Smallest BIG Idea in Science!”), word choice and imagery, colorful artwork, adherence to poem style, originality and creativity, and overall presentation.

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!

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 category - $300
2nd Place in each category - $150

ACS National Chemistry Week Illustrated Poem Contest

As part of every National Chemistry Week (NCW) celebration, the American Chemical Society (ACS) sponsors a national poster contest for students in Kindergarten – Grade 12. The theme for the 2012 contest is “Nanotechnology: The Smallest BIG Idea in Science!” Students in all schools (public, private, parochial, etc.) or home schooled students are eligible to participate.

2012 Categories

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Each school can submit no more than three (3) entries per grade category.

Please send Posters to Local North Jersey Coordinator: Tuwanna Rudolph, PO Box 415, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.
Contest Rules and Guidelines

- 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, **“Nanotechnology: The Smallest BIG Idea in Science!”** 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. Entry must have the 2011 Contest Entry Form completely filled and attached to the back of the poster. **Entries lacking complete and legible information will not be considered.**
- On poster boards (**Entries submitted on foam board will not be accepted**).
- Home schooled students are eligible for the contest and should include the name of any homeschooled group with which they are associated.
- 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.
- Please send Posters to North Jersey Local Coordinator: **Tuwanna Rudolph, PO Box 415, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.**
- Please send all correspondents for questions to email: **prudolph64@yahoo.com.** Thank you.

**Prizes:**

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Note: The students with the top poster in each category receive these cash rewards along with their teacher!

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

The deadline for the Local North Jersey Section is **Monday, October 15, 2012, at 1pm.** All entries into the national contest must be winning entries from the Local Section poster contests to be considered. **Please note: Posters received directly from schools/students will not be considered for the National contest.**

**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