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 grades.

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 includes:
Hygiene
Nutrition
Vitamins
Minerals
Medicine

Winners will be selected in each of the following categories:
• K – 2nd grade       6th – 8th grade
• 3rd – 5th 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 2011 contest is “Chemistry – Our Health, Our Future!” Students in all schools (public, private, parochial, etc.) or home schooled students are eligible to participate.

2011 Categories

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

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, “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. 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 Local North Jersey Coordinator: Tuwanna Rudolph, PO Box 415, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

Prizes:

1st Place $50
2nd Place $25
3rd Place $10

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 3, 2011, 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 Friday, October 28, 2011.

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