



Chemists Celebrate Earth Day 2011: “Energy – It’s Everywhere!” Illustrated Poem Contest

As part of their Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) 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 Chemists Celebrate Earth Day theme, “**Energy – It’s Everywhere!**” or using the IYC theme of **water**. 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
Sonnet



Example of End Rhyme Style:

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

Possible topics related to energy and chemistry include:

Nuclear Energy
Solar Energy
Wind Energy
Water

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

For more information about contests in your area, contact the American Chemical Society Department of Volunteer Support at 800-227-5558, x6326 or earthday@acs.org.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Illustrated Poem Contest

ACS Local Sections are encouraged to participate in the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) 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 CCED theme, “**Energy – It’s Everywhere!**” or the IYC theme of **water**.
- 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 have the following information included with the entry: student’s name, grade, home address, telephone number, school name, school address, teacher’s full name, email, school telephone number (**both addresses are used for sending prizes; please provide complete information**), and style of the poem below the title.
- 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.

Coordinator Information

- ACS CCED Coordinators must develop the guidelines and deadlines for their local contest.
- CCED Coordinators must determine how many entries per school will be accepted into the local contest.
- ACS CCED coordinators will identify and submit a maximum of one winning entry in each of the four (4) grade categories to the national contest (entries from areas not covered by any ACS Local Section territory will be handled on a case-by-case basis).
- When coordinators submit entries to the national contest, the following information must also be included with each entry: local section name, coordinator name and email address.
- National contest entries must be *received* by the ACS in Washington, DC by Friday, April 8, 2011. National winners will be announced on or before April 22, 2011.
- ACS is not responsible for lost, damaged, or delayed postal shipments and electronic submission is encouraged.

Entries will be judged based upon:

- Relevance to and incorporation of “**Energy – It’s Everywhere!**” or **water** theme
- Word choice and imagery
- Colorful artwork
- Adherence to poem style
- Originality and creativity
- Overall presentation