



National Chemistry Week 2012 Illustrated Poem Contest

As part of the National Chemistry Week (NCW) (October 21-27, 2012) the American Chemical Society (ACS) is hosting a poster contest for students in kindergarten – grade 12.

The Alabama Section of the ACS invites students to create a poem that celebrates the theme "Nanotechnology: The Smallest BIG Idea in Science". The poem should be fun, motivational and inspire students to learn about and celebrate the chemistry. The poem may be in any form, including haiku, limerick, ode, ABC poem, free verse, end rhyme, and blank verse. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to use their creative abilities and to learn about chemistry.

Examples of previous poster contest themes and winners and more information on the theme are available on the [National Chemistry Week website](http://www.acs.org/ncw) (www.acs.org/ncw).

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First and second place in each of the following grade categories:

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

1st Place: \$50 checks to the student and to the classroom

2nd Place: \$25 checks to the student and to the classroom

There are also prizes for teachers and winning students in each grade category in the ACS national contest!

EDUCATORS: Find additional resources for your classroom/students and easy ways to celebrate at www.acs.org/ncw.

For additional information about the contest, contact the American Chemical Society, Office of Community Activities at 800-227-5558, ext. 4458 or email ncw@acs.org.

ALABAMA LOCAL SECTION EDUCATORS: Submit your students' posters to Dr. Craig P. McClure, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of AL at Birmingham, 1720 2nd Ave. South., Birmingham, AL, 35294-1240
By **Friday, October 19th**

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Contest Rules:

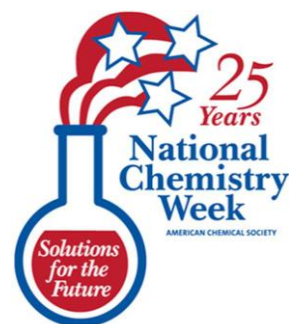
- Poems must conform to a particular style. No poem may be longer than 40 words.
- The topic of the poem and the illustration must be related to the NCW 2012 theme, "Nanotechnology: The Smallest BIG Idea in Science".
- All entries must be original works without aid from others.
- Each poem must be submitted 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.
- Entries must be hand-drawn using crayons, paint, colored pencils or markers.
- Posters must be sent to the ACS Local Section NCW Coordinator. Craig P. McClure, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of AL at Birmingham, 1720 2nd Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35294-1240
in time for the local contest judging during National Chemistry Week(**receipt deadline is Friday, October 19th**). All 1st place winning posters in each category will be forwarded to ACS for the national contest.
- All entries **must** have a completed Poem Contest entry form (see next page) attached to the back of the poster. Home schooled students are eligible for the contest and should include the name of any home school group with which they are associated.
- Entries lacking complete and legible information will be disqualified.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted into the local contest. All illustrated poems and/or digital representations of the poems become property of the American Chemical Society. Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners' names, likenesses, and entries for editorial, advertising, and publicity purposes

Judging:

Entries will be evaluated based on the following:

1. Relevance to and incorporation of the theme
2. Word choice and imagery
3. Colorful artwork
4. Adherence to poem style
5. Originality and creativity
6. Overall presentation

National Chemistry Week is a program of the American Chemical Society
Office of Community Activities
800-227-5558, ext. 4458, ncw@acs.org



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 “Nanotechnology: The Smallest BIG Idea in Science”**

ILLUSTRATED POEM CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please fill out this form, print, and attach to the back of the poems. All fields are required. Incomplete forms will invalidate the entry. The receipt deadline for the Local Section Contest is October 19, 2012.

Student’s Name							
Grade							
Parent/Guardian							
School or sponsoring group:							
<i>(e.g. Boys and Girls Club or Scout Troop, 4-H, etc.)</i>							
Teacher’s Name							
School Address							
Address Line 2							
City				State		Zip	
Judging Category							
K-2 nd		<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd -5 th		<input type="checkbox"/>	6 th – 8 th	
						9 th – 12 th	
FOR LOCAL SECTION USE ONLY							
Local Section Name (Number)							
NCW Coordinator Name							
Telephone							