

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(Each entry must have a completed entry form.)

Student Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

School Coordinator _____

School Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

County/District _____

County Coordinator _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

State Coordinator _____

State Division _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Recognition and Awards

National awards will be given to the first, second, and third place winners in the five divisions in both the Poetry and the Poster Contests. Winners will be announced in April 2006 and posted on the NCDA website at www.ncda.org. Certificates of participation will be given to all national entries. State divisions will determine their own prizes. County/District and building awards are made at the discretion of the local coordinators.

Note:

All national entries become the property of the National Career Development Association and will not be returned. The association reserves the right to use the poems and posters to focus attention on activities and promote Career Development Month goals.

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NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

40th Annual National Career Development Month November 2005

Celebrate your favorite career by entering the 40th Annual NCDA Career Development Poetry and Poster Contests!

NATIONAL THEME:
My Career ~ My Community ~ My Future

Please participate in the National Career Development Month by celebrating:

National Career Development Week
November 14 – 18, 2005

National Career Development Day
November 16, 2005

This week and day is designed to highlight the importance of life-long career development and the personal empowerment of all people. Events and activities should be planned to help examine lives, careers, and the alternatives available to increase everyone's personal success and happiness.



Eligibility: Every adult and student enrolled in public, private, and parochial schools in states with NCDA state divisions are eligible. A complete list of state divisions is available on the NCDA website at www.ncda.org. Contest division areas include:

- Primary Grades K – 2
- Intermediate Grades 3 – 5
- Middle Grades 6 - 8
- Senior Grades 9 - 12
- Adult Student . . . 18 and older
enrolled in school
- Open Adult 18 and older
not enrolled in school
(student teachers, parents, and
professionals, etc.)

Each entry should celebrate and inspire career development with a positive tone.

Requirements for Poems

Poetic Form: Use of any acceptable poetic form (i.e. cinquain, free verse, diamante, haiku, limerick, metered, rhyming, blank verse).

Size: Submit each poem on a single sheet of paper 8.5" X 11" in 12 point font.

Requirements for Posters

Lettering: Simple bold lettering is preferred. Captions are to be used to convey the message, attract attention, and to achieve goals of clarity, vigor and originality. All lettering will be considered part of the design.

Media:

Category 1: Standard use of ink, pencil, collage, poster paints, magic marker, acrylic, oil, cut and pasted paper.

Category 2: Use of photos, clipart, graphic art software, and mixed media.

Size: Each poster must be created in 8.5" by 11" format, including matte, to be eligible.

Contest Deadlines

Building/School Contest by November 16, 2005

First, second, and third place winners in the Building/School Contest should be sent to the County/District Contest.

County/District Contest by December 5, 2005

First, second, and third place winners in the County/District Contest should be sent to the State Contest.

State Contest by January 20, 2006

First, second, and third place winners in the State Contest should be sent to the National Contest.

The state chair will notify all state coordinators and award winners to have their winning entries delivered to the National Chair by January 20, 2006. State coordinators are responsible for coordinating prizes, certificates, and celebration for their state winners. National awards will be given to the first, second, and third place winners in the six divisions in both the Poetry and Poster Contests.

**National Results will be posted
on the NCDA Website
by April 14, 2006.**

Send to:

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Judging Process

Teams: Each judging team will consist of educators including a member of the language arts and/or arts department, parents, and a representative from business/industry in the community. Selection of judges is left to the discretion of the contest coordinators.

Criteria: Judging will be based on originality, creativity, and development of the national theme. Poems will be evaluated on appropriate form, execution, spelling, and grammar. Poster evaluation will focus on the appropriate use of media, lettering, and basic principals of art.

State Awards

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National Awards

National judges of the Poetry and Poster Contests will prepare and send a list of all national winners to NCDA Headquarters and the National Chair by March 31, 2006. The winners will be announced on the NCDA website at www.ncda.org by April 14, 2006.

The National Chair, in coordination with the NCDA Headquarter Office, will prepare the national awards.