

55TH ANNUAL  
**NCDA** | National Career  
Development  
Association

*Celebrating*  
**NATIONAL  
CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT  
MONTH**

# POETRY & ART CONTEST

*"My Future Career -  
Imagine the Possibilities"*

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## HEADQUARTERS

305 North Beech Circle  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

[www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org)

This celebration 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.

**NATIONAL CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT WEEK  
November 16-20, 2020**

**NATIONAL CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT DAY  
November 18, 2020**

## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

*Each entry must have a completed entry form.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

County/District: \_\_\_\_\_

County Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

State Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

State Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*If individual entry submitted, you must state the school the individual attends per eligibility guidelines unless the entry is submitted under Open Adult.*

Individual Submission  School Submission

Poetry  Art C1  Art C2

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state that the attached Art/Poetry entry is the original, which I myself created and completed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for ensuring a fun-filled contest by submitting your original work!**

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 art to focus attention on activities and promote Career Development Month goals.

## ELIGIBILITY

Adults and students enrolled in public, private, and parochial schools in states with participating NCDA state divisions are eligible. A list of participating state divisions is available on the NCDA website at [www.ncda.org](http://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 (teachers, parents, professionals, etc.) |

*Each entry should celebrate and inspire career development with a positive tone while emphasizing the national theme.*

## Poem Requirements

**Poetic Form:** Acceptable poetic forms, e.g. 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.*

## ART Requirements

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

### Media:

**Category 1 (C1):** Standard use of ink, pencil, poster paints, magic marker, acrylics, and oils.

**Category 2 (C2):** Use of photos, clipart, graphic art software, collage, cut and pasted paper, and mixed media.

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

## Contest Deadlines

**Building/School Contest Completed and Postmarked to County by December 20, 2020**

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

**County/District Contest Completed and Postmarked by January 20, 2021**

First, second, and third place winners in the County/District Contest should be sent to the State Contest. *To obtain participating state coordinator contact information, please visit [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org) or contact NCDA Headquarters at (918) 663-7060.*

**First, second, and third place winners in the State Contest should be sent to the National Contest by February 20, 2021.**

If your state does not have a sponsored State Contest, please send entries to NCDA Headquarters or submit online at [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org).

**National winners will be recognized on the NCDA website, [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org), in May of 2021.**

## Send State Winners to:

**Alicia Cheek**

Communications Coordinator

National Career Development Assoc.

305 N. Beech Circle • Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Office: 918-663-7060 • [acheek@ncda.org](mailto:acheek@ncda.org)

For questions about the Contest, please contact Committee Chair Morgan Ray at [mbray@waketech.edu](mailto:mbray@waketech.edu)

## JUDGING PROCESS

**Teams:** Judging teams 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. **Art** evaluation will focus on the appropriate use of media, lettering, and basic principals of art. **Please adhere to the size requirements for each entry as many entries are received.**

## State Awards

The state chair is responsible to have their winning entries delivered to the National Chair by February 20, 2021. State coordinators are responsible for coordinating prizes, certificates, and celebration for their state winners. County/District and building awards are made at the discretion of the local coordinators.

## National Awards

The National Chair in coordination with the NCDA Headquarter Office will prepare the national awards. National awards will be given to the first, second, and third place winners in the six divisions in both the Poetry and Art Contests. National winners will be recognized on the NCDA website, [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org), in May of 2021.

The winning entries will also be on display at the Annual Global Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA, June 30-July 1, 2021. National winners will receive from the National Career Development Association, a certificate and a special congratulations gift.

