



## 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

### National Prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> Place in each grade category – \$300  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place in each grade category – \$150

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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 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.

Entries must be received by April 1st, 2011 and may be sent to the following address:

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MSB 203C  
University of Alabama in Huntsville  
Huntsville, AL 35899  
ATTN: North Alabama Section of the American Chemical Society

Questions may be sent to [NorthALACS@gmail.com](mailto:NorthALACS@gmail.com). Make the subject of the email, POETRY. Prizes will be awarded at the local level. Winners will be announced on the North Alabama Section of the American Chemical Society Website:  
<http://naacs.sites.acs.org/>

### *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