

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

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.

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 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.

National winners will be recognized on the NCDA website, 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

For questions about the Contest, please contact Committee Chair Morgan Ray at 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, 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.

