



2021 NCW Illustrated Poem Contest Fast or Slow ... Chemistry Makes It Go!



The Southern Nevada Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Contest Deadline: October 24, 2021 by 11:59 PM PT

Prizes: 1st / 2nd place in each division win their choice of a Family 4-pack of passes for the DISCOVERY Children's Museum or item of Periodic Table merchandise (e.g. poster, mouse pad, pet placemat, socks)



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Winners of the Southern Nevada Local Section's Illustrated Poem Contest will advance to the National Illustrated Poem Contest for a chance to be featured on the ACS website and to win prizes!

Write and illustrate a poem using the NCW theme, **"Fast or Slow ... Chemistry Makes It Go!"** Your poem must be **no more** than 40 words and in the following styles to be considered:

HAIKU - LIMERICK - ODE - ABC POEM - FREE VERSE - END RHYME - BLANK VERSE

Example topics related to the theme include:

- Activation energy
- Catalysts and enzymes
- Collision theory
- Fast vs. slow reactions
- Pressure
- Reaction rates
- Temperature
- Surface area

Entries will be judged based upon:

- Artistic Merit - use of color, quality of drawing, design, and layout
- Poem Message - fun, motivational, inspiring about yearly theme
- Originality Creativity - unique, clever and/or creative design
- Neatness - free of spelling and grammatical errors

Contest rules:

- All poems must be no more than 40 words, and in one of the following styles to be considered: Haiku, Limerick, Ode, ABC poem, Free verse, End rhyme, and Blank verse.
- Entries are judged based upon relevance to and incorporation of the NCW theme, word choice and imagery, colorful artwork, adherence to poem style, originality and creativity, appropriate display of safety gear (if relevant to art work), and overall presentation.
- All entries must be original works without aid from others. Poems may be submitted by hand on an unlined sheet of paper not larger than 11" by 14" or scanned and sent via email. Illustrations may be created using crayons, watercolors, other types of paint, colored pencils, or markers. The illustration may also be electronically created by using a digital painting and drawing app on a computer, tablet, or mobile device.
- The text of the poem should be easy to read and may be typed before the hand-drawn or digital 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.
- No clipart or unoriginal images can be used.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted; all entries must include an entry form. If the illustration is created using a digital painting or drawing app, the name of the program must be included on the entry form.
- 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.



Submission Guidelines:

Option 1

Complete the online submission at <https://forms.gle/YBLDLEKtGcCsHRUH6>

Follow the instructions to upload your [entry form](#) and an image of your poem. Please scan or take a quality image of the poem.

Option 2

Send entries by US mail to

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Submissions must be received by 11:59 PM (Pacific time) on Sunday, October 24, 2021 (10/24/21).

Mail entries by October 18, 2021 to allow for delivery time.

Entries will be judged as received. Those who scan and submit electronically are responsible for ensuring the quality of the submitted entry. Cardboard envelopes are recommended for mailed entries.

Parents, Teachers or Group Leaders may submit multiple entries in the same envelope or same email. However, each entry must have its own entry form, and only one entry per child is allowed.

Winners will be announced by email on or before October 31, 2021. 1st and 2nd place in each of the four categories (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) will receive a Family 4-pack of passes to the DISCOVERY Children's Museum or an item of Periodic Table merchandise (e.g. poster, mouse pad, pet placemat, socks). DISCOVERY Children's Museum passes are electronic and will be listed in the DISCOVERY Children's Museum system under a parent's name. Retrieval of the passes requires identification (parent's ID). Periodic Table merchandise will be shipped by mail.

Winners will also be recognized at a Southern Nevada Section event in November. Information will be provided to the winners.

Past years' winning submissions for ACS National competition may be viewed online at <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/outreach/ncw/plan-an-event/illustrated-poem-contest/winners.html>