



## 2023 NCW Illustrated Poem Contest The Healing Power of Chemistry

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

**Contest Deadline: Friday October 20, 2023**

**Prizes: \$50 in each category (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grades)**

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Winners of the Southwest Georgia 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! ACS will award \$300 to first place and \$150 to second-place national contest winners in each grade category.

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Write and illustrate a poem using the NCW theme, **"The Healing Power of Chemistry."**  
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**

**Possible topics related to the theme include:**

- Skin anatomy and care
- Vaccines
- Wound healing
- Zoopharmacognosy
- Antibiotics
- Antibodies
- Bandages
- Immune system
- Medications
- Pathogens

**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, read carefully:**

- 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, 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 8.5" by 11" 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.
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners' first name, and entry for editorial, advertising, and publicity purposes.
- **Do not place participant names on the front of your poem**



**Each entry must be accompanied of a completed Entry Form and submitted to:**

Valdosta State University – Department of Chemistry and Geosciences

1500 N Patterson St. Valdosta, GA 31698

Electronic entries can be sent to: [ldelagarza@valdosta.edu](mailto:ldelagarza@valdosta.edu), title email: 2023 NCW Contest Entry

Attach poem image and entry form in separate files (name each file with category (K-2, etc) and last name.