

*57th Annual*  
**NCDA** | National Career  
Development  
Association

*Celebrating*  
**NATIONAL  
CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT  
MONTH**

# POETRY &

# CONTEST

**CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT  
AROUND THE  
WORLD**

*Making Connections and  
Increasing Access to Impact  
the Global Labor Market*

**NATIONAL CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT WEEK  
Nov. 14-18**

**NATIONAL CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT DAY  
Nov. 16**

**NCDA** | National Career  
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*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.*

# 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:**

**Art 1 (A1):** Standard use of ink, pencil, poster paints, magic marker, acrylics, and oils.

**Art 2 (A2):** 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 Submitted to State Contest by December 20, 2022.**

**State Contest Submitted Online to National Contest by February 20, 2023.**

**State Coordinators will submit top 3 winners in each category online here:**

- **POETRY**  
<https://forms.gle/VBAz8mpmPEidPpYD6>
- **ART 1**  
<https://forms.gle/2dU7dMTfFFHWAMhC9>
- **ART 2**  
<https://forms.gle/UyCUwgu453bSG8AM6>

**Individuals who do not have a State Contest must self-submit entries online by February 20, 2023**

<https://forms.gle/Nh9thG1mf8FKgNmMy9>

**To obtain participating state coordinator contact information, please visit <https://www.ncda.org> or contact NCDA Headquarters at (918) 663-7060.**

**National Results will be posted on the NCDA website in May of 2023.**

# JUDGING PROCESS

**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.**

# 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 2023.

The winning entries will also be on display at the Annual Global Conference to be held in Chicago, Illinois, June 29-July 1, 2023.

National winners will receive from the National Career Development Association, a certificate and a special congratulations gift.