

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.

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

<u>Size</u>: Submit each poem on a single sheet of paper 8.5" x 11" in 12 point font.

ART REQUIREMENTS

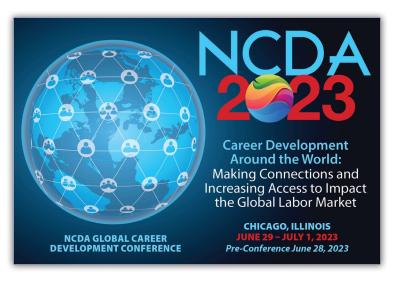
Lettering: Simple bold lettering is preferred. Captions are to be used to convey the theme, attract attention, and to achieve goals of clarity, vigor and originality. All lettering will be considered part of the design.

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.

<u>Size</u>: 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 selfsubmit entries online by February 20, 2023

https://forms.gle/Nh9thG1mf8FKgNMy9

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, 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.