



2021 NCW Illustrated Poem Contest

FAST OR **SLOW** ... Chemistry Makes It Go!

The North Jersey Local Section of the American Chemical Society (NJACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. **EACH SCHOOL MAY SEND NJACS ITS TOP 3 WINNERS ONLY IN EACH GRADE CATEGORY:**

K-2 3-5 6-8 9-12

Contest Deadline: Electronic entries only and must be received by October 22, 2021

Prizes: *Grade Category Winners: Amazon Gift Cards - 1st Place \$50, 2nd Place \$25. 3rd Place \$10 (Category Winner Teachers will also receive a corresponding monetary prize.)*

Contact and Submissions: *Bettyann Howson (bhowson@njacs.org)*

First Place Winners of the North Jersey 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

Possible 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, and overall presentation.
- All entries must be original works without aid from others. Poems may be produced by hand on an unlined sheet of paper not larger than 11" by 14", 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.

