

**Complete an OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

for EACH entry.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Coordinator:** Linda Kobylarz

**State Division:** Connecticut (CCCD)

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If individual, you must state the school you attend per eligibility guidelines unless the entry is submitted under Open Adult.

Individual Submission       School Submission

Poetry       Poster C1       Poster C2

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state that the attached Poster/Poetry entry is the original, which I myself created and completed.  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for ensuring a fun-filled contest by submitting your original work!

Note: All national entries become the property of the National Career Development Association and will not be returned. The association reserves the right to use the poems and posters to focus attention on activities and promote Career Development Month.

**Connecticut Career Development Month**

**Inspire Your Career  
Develop Your Dreams**

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- Economic and Community Development
- Education
- Labor/CCRN



National Contest Sponsored by the National Career Development Association



**Career Development Month  
November 2008**

**Inspire Your Career  
Develop Your Dreams**

**Poetry & Poster Contest**



CT Career Development Week • November 17-21, 2008  
CT Career Development Day • November 19, 2008

**Contest winners will join state officials  
for an awards ceremony!**

## ELIGIBILITY

All Connecticut residents, youth and adults, are eligible for the contest. Contest divisions 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 **not** enrolled in school (e.g., teachers, parents, professionals...)

**Each entry should celebrate and inspire career development in a positive way.**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR POEMS

**Poetic Form:** Use any acceptable poetic form (e.g., cinquain, free verse, diamante, haiku, limerick, metered, rhyming, and blank verse).

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

## REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTERS

**Lettering:** Simple bold lettering is preferred. Use captions to convey the message, attract attention, and to achieve goals of clarity, vigor, and originality. All lettering will be considered part of the design.

### Media

**Category 1 (C1):** Standard use of ink, pencil, poster paints, magic markers, acrylics, and oils.

**Category 2 (C2):** 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

**All winning entries in the Student Divisions (first, second, and third place) and any Open Adult entries must be postmarked by December 5, 2008 and sent to the State Contest Coordinator.**

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**ALL entries MUST go through the State Contest.** The State Chair is responsible for sending the winning entries in each Division to the National Contest Chair.

**National Results will be posted on the NCDA Website ([www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org)) by April 15, 2009.**

## NATIONAL THEME

***Inspire Your Career  
Develop Your Dreams***

## JUDGING PROCESS

**Teams:** Judging teams will have a variety of members including teachers, counselors, career development specialists, parents, and/or representatives from business/industry. Selection of judges is at the discretion of the state contest coordinators.

**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. Poster evaluation will focus on the appropriate use of media, lettering, and basic principles of art. Please be sure to follow the size requirements specified for each entry.

## STATE AWARDS

The State Contest winners will receive certificates and a special congratulations gift at a State Awards Ceremony.

## NATIONAL AWARDS

National awards will be given to first, second and third place winners in the six divisions in both the Poetry and Poster Contests. Certificates of participation will be given to all national entries.

National winners will be announced and their winning entries posted on the NCDA website, [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org), by April 15, 2009. The winning entries will be on display at the Annual NCDA Global Conference to be held in St. Louis, MO June 30—July 3, 2009. National winners will receive a framed certificate and a special congratulations gift from the National Career Development Association.