

# Official Entry Form

Each entry must have a completed entry form.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

County/District: \_\_\_\_\_

County Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

State Coordinator: Michele G. Seibert

State Division: VA Career VIEW VA Tech 0527

Address: 404 Wallace Hall

City: Blacksburg State: VA Zip: 24061

Phone: 1-800-542-5870 (toll free in VA)

Email: info@vaview.org

If individual, you must state the school the individual attends 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 goals.

## National Career Development Month Chair:

Michelle Beese, *National Contest Chair*

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## 44th Annual NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH

National Career Development Week  
November 16-20, 2009

National Career Development Day  
November 18, 2009

BRIDGES  
to a  
Brighter  
Future  
Inspire Your Career:  
EMPOWER YOUR LIFE

Poetry & Poster Contest  
November 2009

This week and day 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

Every adult and student enrolled in public, private, and parochial schools in states with participating NCDA state divisions are eligible. A complete list of participating state divisions will be available September 2009 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 not enrolled in school (student teachers, parents, and professionals...)

*Each entry should celebrate and inspire career development with a positive tone.*

## Requirements for Poems

**Poetic Form:** Use of any acceptable poetic form (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.

## Requirements for Posters

**Lettering:** Simple bold lettering is preferred. Captions are to be used 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 (Revised Categories)

**Category 1 (C1):** Standard use of ink, pencil, poster paints, magic marker, 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

### **Building/School Contest Completed and Postmarked by November 18, 2009**

First, Second, and Third place winners in the Building/School Contest should be sent to the County/District Contest.

### **County/District Contest Completed and Postmarked by December 4, 2009**

First, Second, and Third place winners in the County/District Contest should be sent to the State Contest.

### **ALL entries MUST go through the State Contest.**

### **State Contest Completed and Postmarked to National Contest by January 15, 2010**

First, Second, and Third place winners in the State Contest should be sent to the National Contest. The state chair is responsible to have their winning entries delivered to the National Chair by January 15, 2010.

*To obtain participating state coordinator contact information please visit [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org) or contact NCDA Headquarters at (918) 663-7060. If there is no state coordinator listed, please contact NCDA Headquarters for further instructions.*

**National Results will be posted on the NCDA Website by April 15, 2010.**

**Send State Winners to:**  
**Michelle Beese, National Contest Chair**  
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E-Mail: [mbeese@internet49.net](mailto:mbeese@internet49.net)

## Judging Process

**Teams:** Each judging team will consist of educators, including a member of the language arts and/or arts department, parents, and a representative from business/industry in the community. Selection of judges is left to the discretion of the 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 principals of art. Please adhere to the size requirements for each entry as many entries are received.

## State Awards

The state chair is responsible to have their winning entries delivered to the National Chair by January 15, 2010. State coordinators are responsible for coordinating prizes, certificates, and celebration for their state winners. **ALL entries MUST go thru the State Contest.**

*County/District and building awards are made at the discretion of the local coordinators.*

## National Awards

The National Chair in coordination with the NCDA Headquarter Office will prepare the national awards. National awards will be given to the 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 recognized with the winning entries placed on the NCDA global website, [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org), by April 15, 2010. The winning entries will also be on display at the Annual Global Conference to be held in San Francisco, California, June 30 - July 2, 2010. In addition, National winners will receive from the National Career Development Association: a framed certificate and a special congratulations gift.

