

Kansas Department of Commerce Announces the National Career Development Poetry & Art Contest

**The Kansas Department of Commerce is partnering with the National Career Development Association (NCDA) to participate in the 53rd NCDA Annual Poetry and Art Contest.**

**The contest theme is "Using Careers to Break Barriers, Empower Lives & Achieve Equity."**

**The National Career Development Association promotes career development through its annual celebration of National Career Development Month. Every November, career development professionals are encouraged to celebrate with career related activities including the annual Poetry and Art Contest.**

**Entries will be judged on how they celebrate and inspire career development with a positive tone while emphasizing the national theme.**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

**Every adult and student enrolled in school is eligible, as well as adult practitioners who are not in school. Contest divisions areas include:**

- **Primary - grades K-2**
- **Intermediate - grades 3-5**
- **Middle - grades 6-8**
- **Senior - grades 9-12**
- **Adult Student - ages 18 and older, enrolled in school**
- **Open Adult – ages 18 and older (student teachers, parents, professionals, etc.)**

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR POEMS**

**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.**

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ART**

**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:**

**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:** All art must be created in 8.5" x 11" format, including matte, to be eligible.

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**All state award winners will be notified and sent to NCDA by Feb. 20, 2019**

**The winning entries for each division will be recognized on the NCDA website in May 2019 and displayed at the Annual Global Career Development Conference in June. National winners will also receive a special certificate and a congratulatory gift from the NCDA**

**Please submit any entries to [Jordan.Bickford@ks.gov](mailto:Jordan.Bickford@ks.gov) by January 14, 2019**

**Submissions may also be sent by mail to:**

**Kansas Department of Commerce, Poetry and Art Contest**

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