



2012 National Education Contest Themes/Divisions/Categories/Rules

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One) "PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH"
"INSPIRING OTHERS TO GROW"

Divisions & Categories: Note: Students may be Catholic and Non-Catholic

Division 1	Grades 4-5	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art
Division 2	Grades 6-7-8	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 3	Grades 9-10-11-12	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 4	Adult CDA members	Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Photography

Rules: All entries must be of contestant's own imagination and creation

Essay: Neatly written or typed, not to exceed 500 words

Poetry: Any style of poetry, neatly written or typed, not to exceed eight (8) lines

Art: Size: 12" x 18", No Lettering (your art carries the message). How the theme is carried out in Art will be part of the judging, in addition to artistic talent. Medium: Crayon, markers, ink, paints (water color, acrylic, oil), charcoal, pencil (black or colored), pastels (chalk).

Computer Art: Size: 8 1/2" x 11", No Lettering. Art must be artist's own creation and should fill the majority of the page. NO clip art or images imported from web sites.

Music: Lyrics and notes written on a music score (melody, harmony and accompaniment, all of which must be notated accurately), **must be contestant's own creation**. A cassette tape recording or CD (no Mp3, MIDI, or other electronic formats allowed) of the performance must accompany the entry. (If you are using a tape format, please make sure to punch out the tabs on the tape to prevent accidental erasure). While the composition must be the contestant's own creation, the performer of the composition does not need to be the composer.

Photography: Size 8" X 10" picture depicting the theme. Picture must have been taken by contestant. May not be a computer downloaded image or a picture of a picture. Can be color or black and white. Cannot be a collage.

GENERAL RULES

- 1) Contestants may enter a Category only once, but may submit entries in multiple categories. Contestants must be sponsored by a local Catholic Daughters Court.
- 2) Entries on other themes or not conforming to the rules will be disqualified.
- 3) **Entries will not be returned.** All contest material becomes the property of the National Court with the right to display/and or publish any or all material.
- 4) Decisions of the judges will be final. Judges reserve the right to make no award in a Division or Category. Commercial entries will be disqualified.
- 5) Each entry must be accompanied by a 2012 Entry Form properly signed and completed. Names must be legible. Forms are to be glued or taped to back of entry.
- 6) Plagiarism is grounds for disqualification from contest.

DEADLINE: Local Court Deadline is _____, Send your entry, complete with 2012 Entry Form to the Local Court Contest Chairperson. If mailed, entries must be postmarked by _____.

Awards: The one first place winning entry for each Category in each Division (**either theme, not both**) will be forwarded to the State Contest Chairperson and the winning entries at the State level will be forwarded to the National Education Contest Chairperson. Awards at the local level will be determined by the local Court. Winning entry awards at the state level will be determined by the State Court. National Prizes for each Division are:

FIRST: \$100.00

SECOND: \$50.00

THIRD: \$25.00



2012 Education Contest Entry Form

(Tape or glue this form to the back of your entry.)

Please type or print

Category: _____

Division: _____ Grade: _____

Theme: _____

Name: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of School (or Court, if adult): _____

Signed Statement: This contest entry is my own creative work. I did not copy all or any part of this entry from any other person's work. It is of my own imagination. I agree that if my entry is a National winner, it may be published by the National Court or put on its Web site.

Contestant's Signature: _____

Return to: Name of Sponsoring Court: _____ No. _____

City of Sponsoring Court _____ State: _____

Name of Education Chairperson: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This signed form MUST ACCOMPANY all contest entries and be fully, legibly completed. Do not fold or roll entries.

Note to Education Chairpersons: Please be sure to include your court name, number, city, and state as well as the name and address of the chairperson to whom the entries are to be returned by the participant.

Winners will be listed on the Catholic Daughters website after August 1, 2012. Catholic Daughters of the Americas website: www.catholicdaughters.org