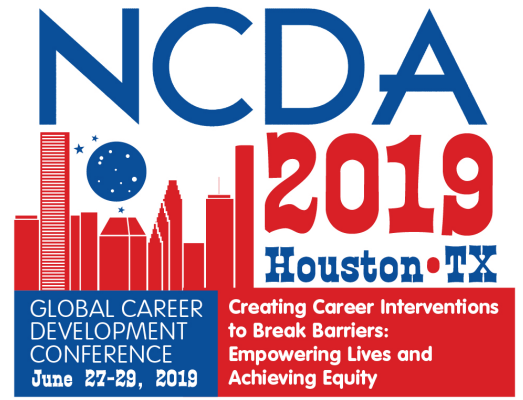


53rd Annual NCDA  
**Poetry & Art CONTEST**



**"Using Career to Break Barriers, Empower Lives & Achieve Equity"**

**NCDA** | National Career Development Association  
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NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEEK  
**November 12-16, 2018**  
 NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT DAY  
**November 14, 2018**

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.

Email online submissions to **info@ncda.org**

*Online submissions must be in JPEG or PDF format.*



**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Division: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Individual Submission     School Submission
- Poetry     Art C1     Art C2

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state that the attached Art/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 art to focus attention on activities and promote Career Development Month goals.

# ELIGIBILITY

Adults and students enrolled in public, private, and parochial schools in states with participating NCDA state divisions are eligible. A list of participating state divisions is available 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 (student teachers, parents, professionals, etc.)

*Each entry should celebrate and inspire career development with a positive tone while emphasizing the national theme.*

# 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.*

# CONTEST DEADLINES

**Building/School Contest Completed and Postmarked to County by November 13, 2018**

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 5, 2018**

First, second, and third place winners in the County/District Contest should be sent to the State Contest. *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 your state does not have a sponsored State Contest, or if you are submitting under the "Open Adult, 18 or older" area, please send entries to NCDA Headquarters or submit online at [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org).**

First, second, and third place winners in the State Contest should be sent to the National Contest by January 16, 2019.

**National Results will be posted on the NCDA Website in April, 2019.**

# SEND STATE WINNERS TO:

**Ron Cathey**

Counseling & Career Services

Louisiana Tech University

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(318) 257-2488 • E-mail: [rcathey@latech.edu](mailto:rcathey@latech.edu)

# JUDGING PROCESS

**Teams:** Judging teams 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. **Art** 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 16, 2019. State coordinators are responsible for coordinating prizes, certificates, and celebration for their state winners. 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 Art Contests. National winners will be recognized on the NCDA website, [www.ncda.org](http://www.ncda.org), in April of 2019.

The winning entries will also be on display at the Annual Global Conference to be held in Houston, TX, June 27-29, 2019. National winners will receive from the National Career Development Association, a certificate and a special congratulations gift.