Chemists Celebrate Earth Day 2011:
“Energy-It’s Everywhere!”
Illustrated Poem Contest

As part of their Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) and the International Year of Chemistry (IYC) celebration, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in grades kindergarten-12.

Write and illustrate a poem using the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day theme, “Energy-It’s Everywhere!” or using the IYC theme of water. Your poem can be in any style as long as it is no more than 40 words. Some examples are:

- Haiku
- Limerick
- Ode
- ABC Poem
- Free Verse
- End Rhyme
- Blank Verse
- Sonnet

Possible topics related to energy and chemistry include:
- Nuclear Energy
- Solar Energy
- Wind Energy
- Water

Winners will be selected in each of the following categories:

- K – 2nd grade
- 3rd – 5th grade
- 6th – 8th grade
- 9th – 12th grade

Local Prizes:

1st place in each grade category – $50 gift card to Amazon.com
2nd place in each grade category – $25 gift card to Amazon.com

National Prizes:

1st place in each grade category – $300
2nd place in each grade category – $150

All entries due by April 1, 2011
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Contest Rules:

• Grades K-12 are eligible.
• Poems must conform to a particular style. No poem may be longer than 40 words.
• The topic of the poem and the illustration must be related to the CCED theme, “Energy-It’s Everywhere!” or the IYC theme of water and should reflect some aspect of green chemistry.
• All entries must be original works without aid from others.
• Each poem must be submitted and illustrated on an unlined 11” x 14” sheet of paper (of any type). The illustration must be created by hand using crayons, watercolors, other types of paint, colored pencils or markers. The text of the poem should be easy to read and may be printed with a computer, before the hand-drawn illustration is added, or the poem may be written on lined paper which is cut out and pasted onto the unlined paper with the illustration.
• Only one entry per student will be accepted.
• All entries must have the Poster Contest Entry Form attached to the back of the poster.
• Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners’ names, likenesses and entries for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes.
• All illustrated poems and/or digital representations of the poems become the property of the American Chemical Society.
• Entries are to be sent to:

    Tracy Halmi
    School of Science
    4205 College Drive
    Erie, PA 16563-0203
    ATTN: Poem Contest

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• A complete set of rules can also be found at http://www.acs.org.

Entries will be judged based upon:

• Relevance to and incorporation of “Energy-It’s Everywhere!” or water theme
• Word choice and imagery
• Colorful artwork
• Adherence to poem style
• Originality and creativity
• Overall presentation