The Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in Kindergarten - 12th grade. Contest is open only to students who live in the following Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio counties:


Contest Deadline: Entries must be received at the address below by Monday, October 31, 2016.

Prizes: $50 1st Place and $25 2nd Place in each of 4 grade categories: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th and 9th-12th grades.

Contact: Mail entries to: Michael Mautino, 3485 Frye Ave, Finleyville, PA 15332. For entry form include the following on the back of entry: student name, grade, school name, teacher name, teacher phone number and teacher e-mail address. For home school students please use parent/guardian information in place of teacher.

Winners of the Pittsburgh Section ACS illustrated poem contest will advance to the ACS National Illustrated Poem Contest! Write and illustrate a poem using the NCW theme, “Solving Mysteries Through Chemistry”. Your poem must be no more than 40 words, and in the following styles to be considered:

**HAiku** - **Limerick** - **Ode** - **ABC Poem** - **Free Verse** - **End Rhyme** - **Blank Verse**

Participants are encouraged to explore topics related to:

- DNA
- Fingerprints
- Art Forgeries
- Pigments
- Invisible Ink

Entries will be judged based upon:

- Relevance to and incorporation of the theme
- Word choice and imagery
- Colorful artwork
- Adherence to poem style
- Originality and creativity
- Overall presentation

**Contest Rules:**

- 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 NCW 2016 theme, “Solving Mysteries Through Chemistry”.
- All entries must be original works without aid from others.
- Each poem must be submitted and illustrated on an unlined sheet of paper (of any type) not larger than 11” x 14”. 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 include an entry form.
- All illustrated poems and/or digital representations of the poems become the property of the American Chemical Society.
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners’ names, likenesses and entries for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes.