

2017 National Education Contest Themes/Divisions/Categories/Rules

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One) ***“WHATEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MY BRETHEN,
YOU DO FOR ME.” MATT. 25:40***
or ***HELPING THE NEEDY WHERE I LIVE***

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: Typed only, not to exceed 500 words.

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

Art: Size: 8 1/2 x 11 No Lettering (your art carries the message). Do not put your name on the Art. 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) and duck tape.

Computer Art: Size: 8 1/2" x 11" or 8" X 12", 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 must be on professional music score paper (melody, harmony and accompaniment, all of which must be notated accurately), and **must be contestant's own creation**. Please use composition music paper. CD (no Mp3, MIDI, or other electronic formats allowed) of the performance must accompany the entry using the music score paper. While the composition must be the contestant's own creation, the performer of the composition does not need to be the composer. No DVD.

Photography: Size 8" X 10" picture depicting the theme. Do not add matting. Picture must have been taken by the 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.

Judges will use rules of Clarity, Grammar, Spelling, Interpretation of Theme and all peculiar rules in the categories listed above.

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. Judging will be based on the Rubric Scoring provided.
- 5) Each entry must be accompanied by a 2017 Entry Form properly signed and completed. Names must be legible. Forms are to be glued or taped to back of entry.

DEADLINE: Local Court Deadline is _____, Send your entry, complete with 2017 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

2017 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: _____

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. 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, 2017.
Catholic Daughters of the Americas website: www.catholicdaughters.org



SUGGESTED RUBRICS FOR JUDGES

POEMS AND ESSAYS

ADHERES TO RULES SUCH AS LENGTH OF ENTRY	5
NEATNESS	10
GRAMMAR, SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION	15
ORIGINALITY	30
CLEAR DEPICTION OF THE THEME, CONCEPT	40
Total	100

ART, COMPUTER ART, PHOTOGRAPHY

ADHERES TO RULES FOR SIZE	5
NO WORDS ON ENTRY	5
ORIGINALITY	30
CLEAR DEPICTION OF THEME	40
NEATNESS	5
COMPOSITION	15
TOTAL	100

MUSIC

ADHERES TO THE RULES	5
PROPER MUSIC NOTATION	20
ORIGINALITY	20
CLEAR DEPICTION OF THE THEME WITHIN THE LYRICS	25
COMPOSITION DISPLAYS AN	
UNDERSTANDING OF MUSICAL STRUCTURE	30
	100

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