
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS



Themes/Divisions/Categories/Rules

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One "JESUS LOVES US. HOW DO WE SPREAD THAT LOVE?"
"HOW DO I PROMOTE PEACE IN THE WORLD")

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). 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 duct tape.

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 must be on professional music score paper (melody, harmony and accompaniment, all of which must be notated accurately), **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. No cassette tapes. 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.

All entries must be in English and 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.
- 5) Each entry must be accompanied by a 2014 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 2014 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

2014 Education Contest Entry Form