



2023 CCEW Illustrated Poem Contest The Curious Chemistry of Amazing Algae

The Georgia Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Contest Deadline: April 30, 2023, 11:59 PM

Email the scanned image of the poem with the completed entry form to the ACS Georgia CCEW coordinator Dr. Ajay Mallia, Email: amallia@ggc.edu. [poem-contest-entry-form-coord.pdf \(acs.org\)](#)

Participants who win the Illustrated Poem Contest of the Georgia Local Section will have the opportunity to advance to the National Illustrated Poem Contest. Winners of the national contest will receive prizes and have their work featured on the ACS website. The first-place winners in each grade category will receive \$300, and the second-place winners will receive \$150. The announcement of the national contest winners is scheduled for May.

Write and illustrate a poem using the CCEW theme, “**The Curious Chemistry of Amazing Algae.**” 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

Possible topics related to the theme include:

- Seaweed
- Micro- or macro- algae
- Photosynthesis
- Bioluminescent algae
- Algae as food & habitat for animals
- Consumer products from algae
- Oxygen from algae
- Biofuels from algae

Entries will be judged based upon:

- Artistic Merit - use of color, quality of drawing, design, and layout
- Poem Message - fun, motivational, inspiring about yearly theme
- Originality Creativity - unique, clever and/or creative design
- Neatness - free of spelling and grammatical errors

Contest rules:

- All poems must be no more than 40 words, and in one of the following styles to be considered: Haiku, Limerick, Ode, ABC poem, Free verse, End rhyme, and Blank verse.
- Entries are judged based upon relevance to and incorporation of the CCEW theme, word choice and imagery, colorful artwork, adherence to poem style, originality and creativity, and overall presentation.
- All entries must be original works without aid from others. Poems may be submitted by hand on an unlined sheet of paper not larger than 11” by 14” or scanned and sent via email. Illustrations may be created using crayons, watercolors, other types of paint, colored pencils, or markers. The illustration may also be electronically created by using a digital painting and drawing app on a computer, tablet, or mobile device.
- The text of the poem should be easy-to-read and may be typed before the hand-drawn or digital 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.
- No clipart or unoriginal images can be used.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted; all entries must include an entry form.
- If the illustration is created using a digital painting or drawing app, the name of the program must be included on the entry form.
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners’ first name and last initial, along with the name of the ACS Local Section, on the ACS web pages and in the magazine, Chemical & Engineering News

