

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS



Date: SEPTEMBER 2011
TO: STATE REGENTS AND LOCAL COURT REGENTS
FROM: SHERRY NILLES, NATIONAL EDUCATION CHAIRMAN
SUBJECT: 2012 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST
THEMES: "PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH"
"INSPIRING OTHERS TO GROW"

Each local court should make a very special effort to sponsor the EDUCATION CONTEST. The themes selected for the contest encourage lively imagination and freedom of thought when student talent and application go hand in hand. The contest enables students of our communities, schools and CCD classes to compete and strive for awards while following certain fixed rules. The choice of the categories is:

ART ESSAY POETRY COMPUTER ART MUSIC PHOTOGRAPHY

The local court determines the amount of awards to be presented to the first three winning entries in each division, within each category. Plan a special event and invite parents, teachers and principals. Take a picture of the presentation, write an article and send to your diocesan paper. Ask a representative from your local paper to be present for the awards ceremony. Bring a few membership applications and invite new members into your court.

- All entries in all categories are to reflect the chosen theme. There may be an excellent Art entry, but if it does not identify with the theme, it will not be a winner.
- All entries are to be the original imagination of the participant. He/she should not look at a picture, statue, building, etc. and draw from what he/she sees. **A participant needs to create an original idea for the entry.**
- All rules apply to Local, State and National entries.
- The Local Court's name, number, city, and state, as well as the Local Court Education Chairperson's name and address should be on both the individual contest information sheet (art, essay, poetry, computer art, music, and photography) and on the "Participant's Cover Sheet" (white sheet attached) before contest information is distributed.
- All Local Courts under the jurisdiction of a State Court send first place winners to the State Education Chairperson, using the "State Court Education Contest Cover Sheet" (yellow sheet attached). **Ask your local court regent for the name of the State Education chairperson and insert that person's name on the bottom of the yellow sheet. Only one first place winner per division, per category. Please do not send a first place winner in each theme as both will have to be disqualified. LOCAL COURTS: DO NOT SEND DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON, AS ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** If you have a State Regent, you have a State Court and a State Education chairperson, to whom the entries must be sent.
- **Local Courts not under the jurisdiction of a State Court:** Send only first place winners to the National Education Chairperson.
- State Chairperson: **Type** handwritten first place Poetry and Essay Contest entries **before sending to National.** Glue or tape "Participant's Cover Sheet" (see attached) to back of typed copy then staple original entry to typed copy. **DO NOT** use paper clips.
- State Courts and Local Courts not under the jurisdiction of State Court: Send first place winners only to National Education Chairperson, using the "National Education Contest Cover Sheet" (pink sheet attached). Only one first place winner per division, per category.
- **Be sure all winning entries meet contest rules.**



PROCEDURES – 2012 EDUCATION CONTEST --- NATIONAL --- STATE --- LOCAL LEVEL

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

1. The State Regent appoints a Chairperson of Education to handle this contest.
2. The Local Court Regent appoints a Chairperson of Education. The Chairperson should be selected because of her interest and enthusiasm for the program. It is most important that all chairpersons have a thorough understanding of the contest rules and desire to promote interest in the schools and CCD classes. The Regent gives the contest material to the chairperson.
3. The Local Court Chairperson may make copies on white paper of all the 2012 contest material for the schools. It is important to stress the fact that all rules must be followed and the identification form properly completed. It is the DUTY OF the CHAIRPERSON to check EACH entry BEFORE submitting entries for judging.

DEADLINES

1. Entries being submitted to LOCAL COURT chairperson must be handed in or postmarked by date set by the Local Chairperson but no later than **February 15, 2012**. Local Deadline _____
2. Entries being submitted to STATE COURT chairperson must be postmarked no later than: **MARCH 15, 2012**.
3. Entries being submitted to NATIONAL chairperson must be postmarked no later than: **APRIL 15, 2012**.

AWARDS AND JUDGING

1. **LOCAL COURTS:** The judges on the local level should be selected for their expertise in the various categories of the contest and should not be Catholic Daughters. Local Courts set and pay the judges honoraria and the winning entry awards. Only ONE FIRST PLACE winning entry in each division (not one per theme) of the Local Court level is to be forwarded to the State Chairperson of Education unless the state determines otherwise.
2. **STATE COURT LEVEL:** The State Court selects the judges (non-Catholic Daughters), sets and pays the judges honoraria and the winning entry awards. Only ONE FIRST PLACE winning entry in each division on the State level is forwarded to the National Chairperson of Education.
3. **NATIONAL LEVEL:** The judges (non-Catholic Daughters) are selected by National. Awards on the National level will be given to the state regents at the National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska in July, 2012, for presentation to the winners. Awards on the National level in each Division are as follows:

First Place: \$100.00

Second Place: \$50.00

Third Place: \$25.00

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure all entries have been judged at the local and state levels before sending to National. Do not mark on the entries. The Local Court Chairperson of Education is to use the "State Education Contest Cover Sheet" (YELLOW SHEET ATTACHED) to submit FIRST PLACE winners to State. The State Chairperson of Education is to use the National Education Contest Cover Sheet (PINK SHEET ATTACHED) to submit FIRST PLACE winners on the state level to National.

**NOTE: NO ENTRIES SHOULD BE FOLDED OR ROLLED.
NEATNESS IS A KEY FACTOR IN JUDGING**

**Winners will be listed on the Catholic Daughters website after August 1, 2012.
www.CatholicDaughters.org**



2012 National Education Contest Themes/Divisions/Categories/Rules

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One) "PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH"
"INSPIRING OTHERS TO GROW"

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: Neatly written or typed, not to exceed 500 words

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

Art: Size: 12" x 18", 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).

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 written on a music score (melody, harmony and accompaniment, all of which must be notated accurately), **must be contestant's own creation**. A cassette tape recording or CD (no Mp3, MIDI, or other electronic formats allowed) of the performance must accompany the entry. (If you are using a tape format, please make sure to punch out the tabs on the tape to prevent accidental erasure).

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.

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 2012 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 2012 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



2012 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: _____ Email Address: _____

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. It is of my own imagination. 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, 2012.

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

FOR USE BY LOCAL COURT EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
2012 STATE EDUCATION CONTEST COVER SHEET**

FIRST PLACE WINNERS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL IN THE STATE EDUCATION CONTEST ARE:

<u>CONTEST</u>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS</u> <u>NAME OF COURT FOR ADULT ENTRIES</u>
<u>ART</u>		
DIVISION I	_____	_____
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
DIVISION IV	_____	_____
<u>POETRY</u>		
DIVISION I	_____	_____
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
DIVISION IV	_____	_____
<u>ESSAY</u>		
DIVISION I	_____	_____
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
<u>COMPUTER ART</u>		
DIVISION I	_____	_____
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
DIVISION IV	_____	_____
<u>MUSIC</u>		
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
<u>PHOTOGRAPHY</u>		
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
Division IV	_____	_____

LOCAL COURT NAME: _____

NO. _____ City _____ State _____

LOCAL COURT EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LOCAL COURT CHAIRPERSON OF EDUCATION AND SUBMITTED WITH THE FIRST PLACE WINNING LOCAL ENTRIES, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2012 to your STATE CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION Send to:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FOR USE BY STATE EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
2012 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST COVER SHEET

FIRST PLACE WINNERS ON THE STATE LEVEL IN THE NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST ARE:

<u>CONTEST</u>	<u>FIRST PLACE</u>	<u>LOCAL COURT NAME AND NO. & City or Town</u>
<u>ART</u>		
DIVISION I	_____	_____
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
DIVISION IV	_____	_____
<u>POETRY</u>		
DIVISION I	_____	_____
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
DIVISION IV	_____	_____
<u>ESSAY</u>		
DIVISION I	_____	_____
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
<u>COMPUTER ART</u>		
DIVISION I	_____	_____
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
DIVISION IV	_____	_____
<u>MUSIC</u>		
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
<u>PHOTOGRAPHY</u>		
DIVISION II	_____	_____
DIVISION III	_____	_____
Division IV	_____	_____

STATE COURT OF: _____ STATE REGENT _____

STATE EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STATE CHAIRPERSON OF EDUCATION AND SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON OF EDUCATION WITH THE FIRST PLACE WINNING STATE ENTRIES, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN **APRIL 15, 2012**.

SEND TO: **National Education Contest Chairperson**
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