



Date: SEPTEMBER 2019
TO: STATE REGENTS AND LOCAL COURT REGENTS
FROM: MARIALICE SAGAN, NATIONAL EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON
SUBJECT: 2020 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST
THEMES: "Blessed are the peacemakers" Mark 5:9
"Living in Harmony with others"

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. Local, state and national education chairman and all judges are not eligible to enter the CDA contest. Local and state officers may enter the contest IF they are not education Chairmen.
- 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 "2020 Education Contest Entry Form " (Page 4) 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" (Page 5). **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 "2020 Education Contest Entry Form "(Page 4) 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" (Page 6). Only one first place winner per division, per category.
- **Be sure all winning entries meet contest rules.**

PROCEDURES – 2020 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 2020 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 1, 2020 Deadline should not be previous year.**
2. Local Deadline FRIDAY, JAN 31ST, 2020.
3. Entries being submitted to STATE COURT chairperson must be postmarked no later than: **MARCH 1, 2020. States have the option of changing this date but keeping in the same year.**
4. Entries being submitted to NATIONAL chairperson must be postmarked no later than **APRIL 1, 2020.**

AWARDS AND JUDGING (Suggested rubric judging on all levels page 7)

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 2016 National Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. 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” (Page 5) to submit FIRST PLACE winners to State. The State Chairperson of Education is to use the National Education Contest Cover Sheet (Page 6) 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, 2020.
www.CatholicDaughters.org**

2020 National Education Contest Themes/Divisions/Categories/Rules

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One)

“Blessed are the peacemakers” Mark 5:9

“Living in Harmony with others”

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

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 duct 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 2020 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 JANUARY 31ST, 2020.

Send your entry, complete with 2020 Entry Form to the Local Court Contest Chairperson. If mailed, entries must be postmarked by JANUARY 31ST, 2020

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