

# 2020 National Education Contest

## Themes/Divisions/Categories/Rules

THEMES OF CONTEST: (Choose One)     **“Blessed are the peacemakers” Matthew 5:9**  
**Or 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
Division 3	Grades 9-10-11-12	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 4	Adult <b>CDA</b> members	Poetry, 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 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 **February 15, 2020**. Send your entry, complete with 2020 Entry Form to the Local Court Contest Chairperson. If mailed, entries must be postmarked by **February 15, 2020**.

**Awards:** The one first place winning entry for each Category in each Division (**either them, 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**