2018 NCW Illustrated Poem Contest
Chemistry is Out of This World!

The South Florida Section of the American Chemical Society (SoFLACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for K-12th grade students.

Contest Deadline: Delivered by Wednesday, October 17th, 2018

Entry Levels: Each school can submit ONE entry by level in each of the following categories:
K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade levels

Prizes: Certificates will be presented to the winners in each category

Contact: Please mail original artwork to Milagros Delgado, Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus, 3000 NE 151st, AC1-382A, North Miami, FL 33181; for questions email delgado@fiu.edu

Winners of the South Florida Section illustrated poem contest will advance to the ACS National Illustrated Poem Contest for a chance to be featured on the ACS website and to win $300 or $150 in cash prizes!

Write and illustrate a poem using the NCW theme, “Chemistry is Out of This World.” 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 space chemistry include:

- Light
- Planets
- Stars
- Gases
- Atmosphere
- Supernova
- Spectrum
- Ultraviolet

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 NCW 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 no 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.
- All illustrated poems and/or digital representations of the poems become the property of the American Chemical Society.
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners’ names, likenesses, and entries for editorial, advertising, and publicity purposes.