



2026 CCEW Illustrated Poem Contest Into the Woods with Chemistry

The Idaho Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Entries will be accepted in English, Spanish, Shoshone, Bannock, and Braille.

Entry forms can be found on the Environmental Fair website: <https://envirofair.org/contests/> or scan QR code above. **Please submit forms to** Brenna Olson at bolson@pocatello.gov.

Poetry Submission Deadline: Friday April 10 at 5:00 PM. **Please bring hard copy poems to** Pocatello City Hall, located at 911 N. 7th Ave., and drop them off in the lobby in a basket labelled "Illustrated Poetry Contest" **OR submit a scanned copy to** Brenna Olson at bolson@pocatello.gov. **Please make sure** student's name is on artwork and entry form has been submitted.

Local Contest: Winners will be announced during the Portneuf Valley Environmental Fair on Saturday, April 28th at 1:45 pm from the bandshell in Lookout Point (426 W Lewist St. Pocatello, ID). Cash prizes are detailed below and will be delivered after the fair.

K-2nd Grade	1st, 2nd and 3rd Place	\$30, \$20, \$10
3rd-5th Grade	1st, 2nd and 3rd Place	\$30, \$20, \$10
6th-8th Grades	1st, 2nd and 3rd Place	\$30, \$20, \$10
9th-12th Grades	1st, 2nd and 3rd Place	\$30, \$20, \$10

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Write and illustrate a poem using the CCEW theme, “**Into the Woods with Chemistry**”.
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

Topics related to the forest theme include:

- Photosynthesis
- Cellulose
- Glucose
- Preservation
- Chlorophyll
- Resin
- Polymer
- Carbon Dioxide

Entries will be judged based upon:

- Artistic Merit - use of color, quality of drawing, design, and layout
- Poem Message - fun, motivational, and inspiring about the 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 (No AI).
- 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