

2021 NCW Illustrated Poem Contest Fast or Slow ... Chemistry Makes It Go!

The Southern Arizona Local Section of the American Chemical Society (SAZACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

- **Contest Deadline: Sunday, October 24 at 11:59 PM**
- **Prizes: Local Prizes: \$25.00 gift certificate for 1st place in each grade category (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12)**
- **Submission: Submit entries online at: <https://forms.gle/8sSMv36Y8Jnoj7ER7>**
- **Local Contact: Dr. G. Zreda (gzreda@tanq.org)**

Winners of the SAZACS Illustrated Poem Contest will advance to the National Illustrated Poem Contest for a chance to be featured on the ACS website and to win prizes!

Write and illustrate a poem using the NCW theme, “Fast or Slow ... Chemistry Makes It Go!” 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 the theme include:

Activation energy	Pressure
Catalysts and enzymes	Reaction rates
Collision theory	Temperature
Fast vs. slow reactions	Surface area



Entries will be judged based upon:

- **Artistic Merit** - use of color, quality of drawing, design & 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 yearly theme (“Fast or Slow ... Chemistry Makes It Go!”), 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. Physical drawings (no larger than 11” by 14”) should be scanned or captured via camera and submitted digitally. 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. If the illustration is created using a digital painting or drawing app, the name of the program must be included on the entry form.
- 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.
- Students must be sponsored by a school or another sponsoring community group (e.g. Homeschool Association, Boys and Girls Club, Scout Troop, 4-H, etc.).
- 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.