

# Neuroscience for Kids – Poetry Writing Contest Official Entry Form

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Contest rules are also available at: <http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/contest10.html>

Entries must be received by **February 1, 2010**

## Neuroscience for Kids - Writing Contest Rules

1. Only one entry per person. Use the official entry form (copies of the form are acceptable) to write a poem about the nervous system in the style for your age group (see below). Please type or print your poems so we can read them. All material must have a neuroscience theme such as brain anatomy (a part of the brain), brain function (memory, language, emotions, movement, the senses, etc.), drug abuse or brain health (helmets, brain disorders, etc.). Be creative! Use your brain!
2. Entries will be divided into four age groups.

<u>If you are in...</u>	<u>Your poem ...</u>
Kindergarten to Grade 2	→ can be in <b>any style</b> ; it doesn't even have to rhyme. The poem must have at least three lines, but cannot be longer than 10 lines.
Grade 3 to Grade 5	→ must <b>rhyme</b> ; any rhyming pattern is acceptable. The poem must have at least three lines, but cannot be longer than 10 lines.
Grade 6 to Grade 8	→ must be a <b>haiku</b> of only 3 lines. Haiku <b>MUST</b> use the following pattern: 5 syllables in the first line; 7 syllables in the second line; 5 syllables in the third line.
Grade 9 to Grade 12	→ must be a <b>limerick</b> . A limerick must have five lines; lines one, two and five rhyme with each other and have the same number of syllables; lines three and four rhyme with each other and have the same number of syllables.

3. To enter the contest, mail your completed entry form with your poem to:

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BOX 355061  
1705 NE Pacific Street  
University of Washington  
Seattle, WA 98195-5061

Entries will **NOT** be accepted by e-mail.

4. Entries must be **received by February 1, 2010** and cannot be returned.
5. People/families associated with the Neuroscience for Kids are not eligible to enter the contest.
6. The staff of Neuroscience for Kids and other individuals will judge poems on the basis of originality, scientific accuracy and overall style.
7. At least one winner from each group will be selected. Winners will be announced by March 1 and will be notified by e-mail or regular mail. The winner agrees to allow Neuroscience for Kids to publish his/her name (first name, last initial only) and poem on the Neuroscience for Kids web site. Winner addresses and e-mail addresses will NOT be published.
8. All materials received will become the property of Neuroscience for Kids and will not be returned. Neuroscience for Kids will not be responsible for entries that are damaged or lost in the mail.
9. Winners will be awarded a book or other prize (to be announced later) related to the brain. Prizes will be mailed to the address listed on the winner's entry form.
10. Void where prohibited by law. Questions about this contest should be directed to Dr. Chudler at:

chudler@u.washington.edu