

Neuroscience for Kids – Poetry Writing Contest Official Entry Form

Name (please print) _____ Grade _____

Address _____

E-mail (if available) _____

School _____
(K-12, college students, teachers only)

Parent's Signature _____
(K-12 students only)

Contest rules are also available at: <http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/contest24.html>

Entries must be received by **February 1, 2024**

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 five age groups.

<u>If you are in...</u>	<u>Your poem ...</u>
Kindergarten to Grade 2:	can be in any style ; 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 rhyme ; 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 haiku of only 3 lines. Haiku MUST 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 limerick . 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.
College students, teachers, parents and everyone else	must rhyme and explain why it is important to learn about the brain. (Enter: "College and above" for Grade on the entry form.)

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

Dr. Eric H. Chudler
Center for Neurotechnology; Box 352355
Gates Center for Computer Science & Engineering
3800 E Stevens Way NE
Seattle, WA 98195
USA

You can also email your entry as an email attachment to Dr. Eric Chudler (chudler@uw.edu), but you still must use the official entry form and include all of the requested information. A photograph or scan of the entry form is fine, but make sure that that all words can be read.

4. Entries must be **received by February 1, 2024** and cannot be returned. Teachers may send all of their students' poems in a single envelope. (Mail your entry with enough time so it arrives by the February 1, 2024, deadline.)
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, 2024 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@uw.edu