



2010 Necco Youth Art & Poetry - Celebrate Youth!

Contest Entry Form + Guidelines

The **2010 Necco Youth Art & Poetry Contest** is open to youth served by Necco programs as of May 1, 2010 and includes foster youth, independent living youth, and residents of Necco Center who are grade level Kindergarten through 12th grade (+ for IL youth). This is a closed contest, therefore children not being served by Necco's programs are ineligible as are children of Necco employees, and biological children of foster parents. Necco reserves the right to notify contest winners via standard mail, e-mail, or through his/her case manager, foster parent, or resident worker. Necco further reserves the right to reject any entry.

Winners will have their artwork published in agency promotional materials, and will receive prizes for first, second, and third place in each age group for art. For poetry, a first and second place winner will be named in each age group.

Entrants should submit an original artwork or poem that depicts the contestant's vision of what "Celebrate Youth" means to him or her. All artwork and poetry must adhere to the contest rules and guidelines as indicated below.

Contest Rules:

1. Artwork or poetry submission must be an original creation and/or composition of the contestant.
2. Contestants must fill out the entry form to enter the contest, and enclose the form with the artwork or poetry submission. A separate entry form must accompany each submission up to three (3) submissions total per contestant.
3. Contestants must currently be served through at least one of the following Necco programs: therapeutic foster care, independent living, or residential through Necco Center.
4. Contestants must submit entries to the appropriate age group:
 - a. Group 1: K – 3rd Grade
 - b. Group 2: 4th – 7th Grade
 - c. Group 3: 8th – 12th Grade up to age 20 for IL youth
5. Contestants may submit up to three (3) entries total. Contestants are welcome to submit work for both categories (art and/or poetry), however the total number of entries per contestant must not exceed three (3).
6. Artwork or poetry must display or describe the contestant's interpretation of "Celebrate Youth."
7. Contestants must send a hard copy of the original artwork or poem on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of white paper. Please submit **ORIGINAL WORK ONLY. No photocopies, scans, or photographs of artwork will be accepted.** Upon request, original artwork will be returned to the contestant at a later date.
8. Poetry may be handwritten or printed through word processing.
9. Contestants will retain copyrights to their artwork and poetry, however Necco reserves the right to display, publish, and make work available to the public.
10. Necco reserves the right to reject any entry.
11. **There is no entry fee to participate.**

Artwork & Poetry Instructions:

1. Completely fill out the entry form and enclose it with the submission. Please note that the entry form is two (2) pages in length. Both pages must be completed.
2. A separate entry form must be completed for each submission up to a total of three (3) submissions per contestant. **Entries without an accompanying form will not be accepted.**
3. Send a hard copy of the original artwork or poem on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of white paper. Please submit **ORIGINAL WORK ONLY. Photocopies, scans, or photographs of the work will not be accepted.**
4. Poetry may be handwritten or printed through word processing.
5. On the back of the submission, please include the child's name, age, and location of Necco office currently providing services. **PLEASE USE PENCIL** as ink may compromise the work by showing through the other side of the paper.
6. Artwork and poetry should depict or describe the contestant's interpretation of the theme "Celebrate Youth."
7. Artwork may be done in any paint, print, or drawing medium and includes collage, digital art, and photography. (Please see special section governing digital artwork and photography).
8. Entries must be at least 3x5 but no larger than 8 ½ x 11 in size.

For general questions regarding art and/or poetry submissions, please contact Deidra Wiley Necco at dnecco@carvaka.com or 740.313.0376.

Guidelines for Digital Artwork and Photography:

For digital artwork or photography minimum requirements for submission include:

1. High resolution digital file of 300 dpi or above.
2. At least a 4x5 image area.
3. JPEG, TIFF, EPS, or PDF only. Word documents will not be accepted for digital artwork.
4. Submit digital artwork or photography on CD or contestants may e-mail it as long as the entry adheres to the guidelines stated above, and as long as the entry form is included and submitted by the deadline.

If you have any questions regarding digital artwork or photography, please contact Angela May at amay@carvaka.com or at 740.313.0368.

Judging & Prizes:

1. A total of fifteen (15) winners will be selected. A first, second, and third place winner will be selected from each of the three age groups for art. A first and second place winner will be selected for poetry in each of the three age groups.
2. **Prizes:**
 - a. First Place Art
 - i. \$100
 - ii. Entry into a t-shirt design contest whereby the winner will work directly with Necco's marketing department on a design for an official Necco specialty t-shirt to be worn at Children's Advocacy Day 2011.
 - b. First Place Poetry
 - i. \$100
 - c. Second Place Art
 - i. \$50
 - d. Second Place Poetry
 - i. \$50
 - e. Third Place Art
 - i. \$25
3. The 2010 Necco Art and Poetry Contest Committee will serve as judges for the art and poetry contest.

4. Judges will select the best pieces of artwork or poetry based on the following criteria:
 - a. Creativity
 - b. Originality
 - c. Artistic Quality

Schedule and Deadlines:

1. Submission deadline is June 25, 2010. Entries must be postmarked or hand delivered by 5pm.
2. July 2010: winners will be contacted and announced via the agency newsletter, website, and facebook page. Selected artwork will be displayed via the agency website, facebook page, and other means as deemed appropriate.

To Submit an Entry:

Send or drop off submissions with completed entry form and description as outlined in the Guidelines section to:

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ATTN: Deidra Wiley Necco

178 Private Road 19423

South Point, OH 45680

For more information contact “contest headquarters” at dnecco@carvaka.com or 740.313.0376.

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Please print clearly and be sure to fill out both pages of this form in their entirety. A separate entry form must be completed for each submission up to a total of three (3) submissions per contestant.

Contestant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Age (as of May 1, 2010): _____ Grade (as of May 1, 2010): _____

School: _____

Contestant Currently Served by: (check all that apply)

Foster Care Independent Living Necco Center

Necco Location Currently Providing Services: (enter city and state) _____

Foster Parent Name (if applicable): _____

Case Manager: _____

Contestant Age Group (Check one)

Kindergarten – 3rd grade

4th – 7th grade

8th – 12th grade up to age 20 for IL youth

Check One: Art Poetry

Title of work: _____

Media Used: _____

Brief Description of Work (attach additional sheets if necessary): _____

Please check here if contestant would like for original work to be returned once the contest is over.

Verification:

I hereby attest that I am the foster parent, guardian, case manager, or teacher of this entrant, and verify that the information above is accurate, and that the entrant's artwork or poetry is original in compliance with the rules of the 2010 Necco Youth Art & Poetry Contest – Celebrate Youth!

Signature & relationship to entrant

Date

Authorization:

By signing below, the contestant agrees to allow Necco to reproduce the submitted artwork or poetry at its discretion. Artwork and / or poetry will be published, displayed, and made available to the public. Necco will adhere to confidentiality requirements as applicable to each contestant.

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under age 18)

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

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