

## 2015 Conflict Resolution Day - Poetry Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility.** The contest is open to all students in grades 3 through 12.
2. **Submission Period.** Entries will be accepted from October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015, closing at 11:59 PM Eastern Time (10:59 PM Central; 9:59 PM Mountain; 8:59 PM Pacific; 5:59 PM Hawaii).
3. **To Enter.** Please compose a poem based on the theme of **Building Peace**. Poems can address the following topics:

- What is peace?
- Where is peace?
- How can I inspire peace?
- How can I build peace through conflict resolution?

Please choose a title for your poem and do not include your name or school in the text.

- Poems must be no more than 20 lines.
- Poems must be submitted in English.
- Limit: 1 poem per student.
- Submissions must be saved as a document (.doc, .docx, .pdf or .txt are preferred) and uploaded online via the form at: <http://creducation.org/cre/crday/>

**ALL POEMS SUBMITTED MUST BE THE STUDENT'S OWN, ORIGINAL WORK, AND NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED.**

4. **Prizes.** First and second place prizes will be awarded in each of the following three categories: Grades 3-5; 6-8; and 9-12. First Place: \$100. Second Place: \$75. (prizes are in U.S. dollars)
5. **Judging.** Winners will be selected by a panel of judges named by the Association for Conflict Resolution. The judges will evaluate the entries using the following criteria: exploration of theme, impact on reader, originality, literacy, message. Judges' decisions are final.
6. **Announcement of Winners.** Winners will be contacted by **December 14, 2015**.
7. **Sponsor.** The Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) is a professional organization dedicated to enhancing the practice and public understanding of conflict resolution. This contest is being sponsored as an activity for ACR's Conflict Resolution Day. For information about ACR and Conflict Resolution Day, go to <http://creducation.org/cre/crday>

### 8. **General Conditions.**

Poems will not be returned. Entrants should keep a copy of their submissions.

Association for Conflict Resolution assumes no responsibility for entries that are lost, incomplete, misdirected, illegible, or late, or for failed computer transmissions or technical failures.

Association for Conflict Resolution reserves the right, in its discretion, to reject entries that it believes are unlawful, libelous, or would be detrimental to the reputation of Conflict Resolution Day or the Association for Conflict Resolution.

Poems with profanity, obscenity, vulgarity, or anything else which overrides the general norms of civility will not be eligible for prizes.

Entry must comply with all contest rules to be eligible for a prize. The Association for Conflict Resolution reserves the right not to award any prizes.

Selected entries (including those that were not awarded prizes) may be displayed at the ACR National Conference and may be compiled in a poetry book or other form (including electronically) as may be determined by the Association for Conflict Resolution.

Winning students may be given the opportunity to submit a digital recording of their poem, which the Association for Conflict Resolution may then choose to link to its website.

By submitting a poem you agree to be bound by these rules.