



Association for  
Conflict Resolution

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY PEACE POEM CONTEST RULES

1. **Eligibility.** The contest is open to all students in grades 3 – 12.
2. **Submission Period.** Entries will be accepted between September 1, 2009 and October 1, 2009, 11:59 PM Eastern (10:59 PM Central; 9:59 PM Mountain; 8:59 PM Pacific; 5:59 PM Hawaii).
3. **To Enter.** Write a poem that describes “Ways We Make Peace” at home, in school, in our community, or in the world. For example, describe how you resolved a conflict, how it felt when the conflict was resolved, your vision for resolving conflicts peacefully, what has helped you create peace, the power of making peace. Please write a title for your poem. Limit your poem to 20 lines. Poems must be in English. Limit: 1 poem per student, 20 per school. Please do not put your name or school on the poem (for fairness in judging). Submit your poem by completing the [CR Day Peace Poetry Contest On-Line Entry and Release Form](#).

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

4. **Prizes.** Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Grades 3-5; 6-8; and 9-12.  
First Place: **\$100 (US)** Second Place: **\$75 (US)**.
5. **Announcement of Winners.** Winners will be contacted by December 1, 2009.
6. **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://acrnet.org/crday/>.
7. **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 will have the opportunity to submit a digital tape recording of their poem, which the Association for Conflict Resolution may link to its website.

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.