



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
2012 National Education Contest
Sponsored by Court Santa Sophia #2520**

Theme: “PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH”

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Santa Sophia #2520 is proud to sponsor the CDA 2012 National Education Contest. The contest theme encourages lively imagination and freedom of thought when student application and talent go hand in hand. The contest enables students to compete and strive for awards following certain fixed rules. Students may participate in the categories of essay and art.

All entries in all categories must reflect the theme. There may be an excellent Essay or Art entry, but if it does not identify with the theme, it will not be a winner. Some categories and divisions may not be awarded — awards are based on quality of the entries received. PLEASE FOLLOW ALL CONTEST GUIDELINES CLOSELY.

All entries are to be the original imagination of the participant. He/she should not look at a picture, statue, building, etc. and draw from what he/she sees. A participant needs to create an original idea for the entry.

THEME/DIVISIONS/CATEGORIES/RULES

THEME: “Planting Seeds of Faith”

DIVISIONS: Division 1 Grades 4-5
 Division 2 Grades 6-7-8

CATEGORIES: Essay and Art

RULES: All entries must be of contestant’s own imagination and creation

ESSAY: Neatly written or typed, not to exceed 500 words

ART: SIZE: 12” x 18”, No Lettering (your art carries the message.) How theme is carried out in Art will be part of the judging, in addition to artistic talent.

MEDIUM: Crayon, markers, ink, paints (water color, acrylic, oil), charcoal, pencil (black or colored), pastels (chalk).

GENERAL RULES

- 1) Contestants may enter a Category only once, but may submit entries in multiple categories. Contestants must be sponsored by a local Catholic Daughters Court.
- 2) Entries on other themes or not conforming to the rules will be disqualified .
- 3) Entries will not be returned. All contest material becomes the property of the National Court with the right to display/and or publish any or all material.

- 4) Decisions of the judges will be final. Judges reserve the right to make no award in a Division or Category. Commercial entries will be disqualified.
- 5) Each entry must be accompanied by a 2012 Entry Form properly signed and completed. Names must be legible. Forms are to be glued or taped to back of entry.
- 6) Plagiarism is grounds for disqualification from contest.

DEADLINE: Contest Deadline is **February 15, 2012**. Send your entry, complete with 2012 Entry Form to the Local Court Contest Chairperson, Melinda Bauers. If mailed, entries must be postmarked by February 15, 2012.

Mail to:

Education Contest
c/o CDA Court Santa Sophia #2520
9800 San Juan Street
Spring Valley, CA 91977

AWARDS: The one first place winning entry for each category will be forwarded to the State Contest Chairperson and the winning entries at the State level will be forwarded to the National Education Contest Chairperson.

Awards at the local level for each Category are:

FIRST: \$25.00 SECOND: \$10.00

Winning entry awards at the state level will be determined by the State Court.

National Prizes for each Division are:

FIRST: \$100.00 SECOND : \$50.00 THIRD: \$25.00



2012 Education Contest Entry Form

(Tape or glue this form to the back of your entry.)

Please type or print

Category: _____

Division: _____ Grade: _____

Theme: PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH

Name:(Please Print)_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of School (or Court, if adult): _____

Signed Statement: This contest entry is my own creative work. I did not copy all or any part of this entry from any other person’s work. It is of my own imagination. I agree that if my entry is a National winner, it may be published by the National Court or put on its Web site.

Contestant’s Signature: _____

Return to:

Name of Sponsoring Court: Santa Sophia No. 2520

City of Sponsoring Court Spring Valley State: California

Name of Education Chairperson: Melinda Bauers

Phone: (619) 800-0232

Address: 9800 San Juan Street

City: Spring Valley State: California Zip: 91977

This signed form MUST ACCOMPANY all contest entries and be fully, legibly completed. Do not fold or roll entries.

Note to Education Chairpersons: Please be sure to include your court name, number, city, and state as well as the name and address of the chairperson to whom the entries are to be returned by the participant.