

## RULES FOR 2004 KERAMOS STUDENT MUG CONTEST

### MUGS

1. Mugs must be made entirely from ceramic materials (glass is fine too).
2. Mugs must not contain any metal, plastic, paint, organics, or non-ceramics.
3. All work on mugs must be done by undergraduate students. Entrants DO NOT have to be members of Keramos. Faculty members and non-students may only advise.
4. No commercially made parts may be incorporated in mugs.
5. Mugs must have handles.
6. Dimensions of the mugs must not be greater than 10 inches in height, nor greater than 8 inches in diameter with the handle.
7. Mugs must be able to contain at least 16 and not more than 20 ounces of liquid.
8. Mug must be a single piece. If mug is a fired object, the handle cannot be glued or tied on after firing.
9. Mugs can be enameled, but cannot be painted.
10. Mugs must be useable for drinking purposes.
11. No poisonous materials, e.g. arsenic, are to be incorporated into the mugs.
12. Mugs must not decompose when they contain a liquid.
13. The year of the contest must be inscribed (or glazed) into the surface of the mug. No paint or marker etc.
14. Only mugs made during the current year may be used.

### CONTEST

1. The contest will be held during the ACerS Annual Convention at the Society Reception.
2. Each *Institution* may submit five mugs for judging.
3. Each mug will be judged in the categories of strength and artistic merit. The strongest mug will be named winner of the *Keramos* Student Chapter Mug Contest and the most aesthetically pleasing/creative mug will be recorded as the "best looking" mug.
4. Mugs will be dropped in alphabetical order by chapter/college name.
5. The judges of the contest will consist of at least 2 impartial members of the Keramos board and may include other impartial members of ACerS.
6. Before the strength test, each mug must be proven useable by a representative drinking liquid from it.
7. The final test for strength is as follows:
  - Each mug will be dead-dropped from a starting point of 12 inches from the ground. The original orientation of the mug will be with the base of the mug perpendicular to the floor. The mug will be dropped from successively higher heights (6 inches greater each time) until it is broken.
  - An entrant may "pass" at any height, however the winner is determined by the highest survived drop height. Thus if you pass until 48" and your mug breaks from that height, your highest survived height is 0".
  - "Broken" shall be defined as not being able to hold 16 ounces of liquid without leaking.

### PRIZES

1. To be announced in fall *Keragram* and forever recorded in the Keramos Record book.
2. Pictures of the winners are often included in the ceramic bulletin.

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