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CALL FOR THE ARTS



The MCEC Call for the Arts program invites military-connected children from all over the world, representing every branch of service, to share interpretations through art of what it means to be a military-connected child.

Since 2002, thousands of military-connected children have shared their personal experience — their lives, experiences, hopes and dreams — through art.

ELIGIBILITY + SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Open to children in grades K-12
- Only original work will be accepted (no copies of artwork, songs or existing video)
- All submissions should be titled; if not, MCEC may title the work
- Creative writing, poetry, or prose must not exceed 500 words

ART IDEAS TO CONSIDER

- Share global experiences, cultures, and friendships you've had as a military or veteran-connected child
- Celebrate what makes you proud of being a military kid
- Highlight a time you overcame a challenge
- Show how you thrive with the support of your family, friends, school, or community

WHAT TO DO

1. Using any medium (paint, pencil, photography, performance, writing, video, animation, etc.), share what being a military-connected child means to you.
2. Complete the Entry and Release form with an adult signature.
3. Mail your art and completed form to:

MCEC Call for the Arts
909 Mountain Lion Circle
Harker Heights, TX 76548

Digital art, poetry/writing, photography, or performance art videos may be submitted with completed forms to: CallForTheArts@MilitaryChild.org.

Winners will be selected from each category (grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12).

Winners receive:

- An Amazon gift card in one of the following amounts:
\$100: 1st Place and Spotlight winners
\$75: 2nd Place winners
\$50: 3rd Place winners
- An invitation to attend the MCEC Global Training Summit, July 8-10, 2025, in Washington, DC!
- A showcase of your work on the MCEC website, social media, and publications.

Submissions will be accepted through **April 30, 2025**.

Winners will be notified before the end of May 2025, by phone and email, followed by an announcement on social media and on the MCEC website.

The MCEC Entry and Release Form must be completed in full, signed by an adult, and attached with the submission. Both digital and physical submissions must be accompanied by a release form or will not be considered. If artwork is selected for publication, entrant may be asked to submit a photograph of themselves to be published with their work. Artwork may be used in MCEC promotional materials and featured in displays throughout the year. Artwork will not be returned, unless a request for return is made in writing. Requests can be sent to CallForTheArts@MilitaryChild.org and must include the artist name, grade, school and description of the work.



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ENTRY & RELEASE FORM



STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME _____ AGE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY | STATE | ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____

PARENT PHONE _____ PARENT EMAIL _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE | INSTALLATION _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

NAME OF SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

TEACHER _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY | STATE | ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

INSPIRATION

In the space provided below, describe the meaning of your work (art, photography, written essays/poems), why you created it, what it means to you, and what inspired you to create it:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____ foregoing release. The release is entered into with my agreement and consent. All information provided above is true and accurate. All work is original and does not contain clip art or copies from any other source. As between MCEC and the Entrant, the Entrant retains ownership of all intellectual property rights. As a condition of entry, Entrant grants MCEC a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, transferable, royalty-free, and non-exclusive license to use, reproduce, adapt, modify, publish, distribute, publicly perform, create a derivative work form, and publicly display the work for any purpose, without any attribution or compensation to Entrant. Entrants, their parents and their schools, may or may not be notified when their work is used by MCEC.

PRINTED FULL NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____