

The Military Child Education Coalition

CALL FOR THE ARTS

The Art of Being a Military Child



WRITING

CALL FOR POETRY/SHORT STORIES/ESSAYS

The Military Child Education Coalition is looking for children's poems, short stories, and essays. Selected submissions in the visual arts will be featured in art exhibits at the Military Child Education Coalition 2010 Annual Conference. Selected poetry and essays may also appear in the conference program, annual calendar, the MCEC's *On the Move* magazine, or other MCEC publications. **Authors will be notified by mail when submissions are used.**

To ensure the child and school receives proper recognition, make sure all the guidelines are met. The entries will be jury selected. Entries will not be returned.

GENERAL ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- All submissions must be related to being a military child.
- Only original writing will be accepted. **Please do not submit any work that is copied from a book, the Web, or clipart.**
- Children grades Pre-k through 12th may submit entries.
- Submissions that are e-mailed, faxed, or on disk will not be accepted. All work must be in its original form.
- All work must have a permission form signed by the parent, and be attached to the submission.
- Use only the Official Writing Entry Form provided by the MCEC [page 5 of this packet].
- All work must be clearly labeled on the back with the following information:
 1. Child's full name
 2. Grade
 3. Teacher's name
 4. School
 5. School address (including city and state/country)
 6. Contact phone number
 7. Contact e-mail address

MAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:

**Call for the Arts
c/o Military Child Education Coalition
909 Mountain Lion Circle
Harker Heights, TX 76548**

DON'T FORGET THE DEADLINE!

**All submissions are to be postmarked
no later than February 26, 2010.**

ENTRY GUIDELINES FOR POETRY, SHORT STORIES, AND ESSAYS:

- Poetry must not be more than one page (8.5" x 11") long.
- Short stories or essays must be 500 WORDS OR LESS.
- Please do not include people's last names in poetry, short story, or essay submissions.
- Please title your submission or give it the name "Untitled."

For more information or a complete set of rules, please visit the MCEC Web site at www.MilitaryChild.org/child-student/arts, or call Denise Montana-Graham at (254) 953-1923.

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OFFICIAL WRITING ENTRY FORM

Please print clearly. If we can't read it, we can't contact you!
Use one entry form for each poem, short story, or essay you send us.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By signing below, you agree that:

- All information you provided on this entry form is true and accurate.
- All writing is original.
- The MCEC may exhibit your submission at their 11th Annual Conference, in art gallery tours, and other venues. Additionally, the MCEC may use the submission in their conference program, annual calendar, the MCEC's *On the Move* magazine, or other MCEC publications.

After reading, please check the boxes below:

- I have read the Entry Guidelines for submitting writing [poetry/short story/essay].
- I have read, understand, and agree to the above release and agreement.

Parent or Guardian Signature (required)

Date

Print Name

Date

PLEASE PRINT THE AUTHOR'S NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS

Name of author: _____

Mailing address: _____

City/state/country: _____

Phone #: _____

Please check affiliation: Army Navy Marines Air Force
 Coast Guard National Guard & Reserve Other

PLEASE PRINT THE AUTHOR'S SCHOOL INFORMATION

School name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher's name: _____

School street address: _____

School city/state/country: _____



OFFICIAL
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**Please staple
this form to
each submission.
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entry form
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