



The Art of Being a Military-Connected Child

Open to all civilian and military-connected students, Pre-K through high school

For more than 20 years, the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) has diligently confronted the challenges of school transitions, mobility, and the separation military families face. Visual arts and writing allow military children to communicate pride in their parents, celebrate their military-connected lives and acknowledge their grief and worry through art. Since MCEC began the “Call for the Arts” in 2002, thousands of military children - from all over the world, from every service, of all ages - have mailed us their drawings, poems, and interpretations of what it means to be a military child.

The 2018/2019 Call for the Arts Campaign will raise the visibility of military and veteran-connected children and the sacrifices they experience through military lifestyle.

All submissions must be postmarked by January 31, 2019

Artwork & Writing

Selected submissions will be featured in the art exhibit at the MCEC National Training Seminar (NTS). Art/Writing may also appear in the NTS program, calendar, On the Move[®] magazine, the MCEC website, or other MCEC publications.

Suggested Topics:

- Cultures You’ve Experienced
- Pride in Parents
- Grief and Worry
- Military Lifestyle
- Your Wishes, Hopes, and Dreams
- The Life Lessons You’ve Learned
- Parents/Family
- Teachers/School
- Transitions/Changes

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General Entry Guidelines:

- All submissions must be related to being a military-connected child.
- Only original work will be accepted. Please do not submit any work that is copied from another source, such as: a book, the web, or clip art.
- Students in grades Pre-K through 12 may submit entries.
- Submissions that are emailed, faxed, or submitted digitally will not be accepted. All artwork must be in its original form. Writing may be poems, essays, or short stories, fiction or non-fiction.
- Use only the Official Art & Writing Entry Form provided by the MCEC [page 3] and attach it to the submission.
- The official entry form must be signed by a PARENT or GUARDIAN.
- If work is selected for publication, entrant may be asked to submit a photograph of themselves to be published with their work.
- All work must be clearly labeled on the back with the following information:
 1. Title of Work
 2. Child's full name
 3. Grade
 4. Teacher's name
 5. School name

Entry Guidelines for Artwork:

- All submissions must be 8.5" x 11" or smaller.
- Submissions may be in the medium of choice.
- Color or black and white submissions are accepted.
- Please use BRIGHT COLORS or DARK, BOLD designs.
- Please title submission. If submission is untitled, this may be done by MCEC.

Entry Guidelines for Writing:

- 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 submission. If submission is untitled, this may be done by MCEC.

Mail submissions to:

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

For more information or a complete set of forms,

please visit <https://www.militarychild.org/programs/the-call-for-the-arts>
or email Susan Connolly at Susan.Connolly@MilitaryChild.org or call (254) 953-1923 ext. 1114.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 from, and publicly display the work for any purpose, without any attribution or compensation to Entrant. Entrants, and their schools, may or may not be notified when their work is used by MCEC. Due to the number of submissions, Entrants will not be contacted to verify received work.

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Release & Agreement

By signing below, you agree that:

- All information you provided on this entry form is true and accurate.
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After reading, please check the boxes below:

- I have read the Entry Guidelines for submitting artwork.
- I have read, understand, and agree to the above release and agreement.

Parent or Guardian Signature (required) Date

Print Name Date

Please print clearly and fill out the form completely.

If we can't read it, we can't contact you!

Use one entry form for each piece of work you send us.

Please Print the Artist OR Author's Name and Information

Name of student: _____ Grade _____

Mailing address: _____

City/state/zip/ country: _____

Phone #: _____ Email _____

Please check affiliation: Army Navy Marines Air Force Civilian
 Coast Guard National Guard or Reserve Other _____

Please Print the Artist OR Author's School Information

School name: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email _____

School mailing address: _____

School city/state/zip/country: _____

REMEMBER

*to attach this form to each submission!
Each submission must have the entry
form attached to be considered.*

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Use the space above to tell us about your art/
writing - why you created this work, what it
means to you, and what inspired you.

