



CALL FOR THE ARTS



MCEC's Call for the Arts is **CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!**

Since 2002, thousands of military-connected children from all over the world, representing every branch of service, have shared their personal experience — their lives, experiences, hopes, and dreams — through art.

For our program's 20th celebration, the theme is **CELEBRATION!**

Using any form of art (paint, pencil, photography, performance, etc.), share **how** you celebrate (party, music, food), **what** you celebrate (family, friends, reunion), and **why** it is important to celebrate in 2022.

A winner will be selected from each grade category (K-5, 6-8 and 9-12) and awarded:

- A **\$100** Amazon gift card
- Invitation to attend the **MCEC Global Summit!**

July 18-20, 2022 | Washington, DC

THEME IDEAS TO CONSIDER

- Reflections on past celebrations in your life
- Celebrating cultures you've experienced as a military or veteran-connected child
- Celebrating your military parents or family
- Celebrating overcoming challenges (wounded soldier parent)
- Celebrating your future, your community, your military lifestyle, your teachers, or your school

ELIGIBILITY + SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Open to children in grades K-12
- Only original work will be accepted (no copies of artwork/song/video)
- All submissions should be titled; if not, MCEC may title the work
- Creative writing, poetry or prose must not exceed 500 words
- The branch of armed services being artistically represented must be identified
- Must reference life as a military or veteran-connected child, or civilian friend of military child

Submissions will be accepted January 20, 2022 - March 20, 2022

All submissions must be emailed to Callforthearts@militarychild.org

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

Winners will be announced April 14, 2022 "Purple Up" Day — during Month of the Military Child. Winners will be notified by email and announced on the [MCEC website](#). The MCEC Entry and Release Form must be completed in full, signed, 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.



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ENTRY & RELEASE FORM



STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME _____ AGE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY | STATE | ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE | INSTALLATION _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

NAME _____ 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 21 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 another 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 _____