

Military Child Education Coalition® 2020 Call for the Arts Submission Requirements

The Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC®) created the *Call for the Arts* (CFA) in 2002. Since then, thousands of children from all over the world, representing every branch of service, have shared their interpretations of what it means to be a military-connected child through art. To kick off the Month of the Military Child, military-connected children, grades K-12, are invited to submit entries for the 2020 CFA! We are also excited to announce this year the inclusion of photography as a new CFA category.

We are especially aware of and sensitive to the enormous challenges confronting military kids and the disruptive impact the COVID-19 is having on their lives. Our hope is the CFA can provide children a means of self-expression and reflection – a safe, creative outlet to process their emotions and make sense of their world.

For more information, please email info@militarychild.org.

Deadlines + Selected Entries Announcement

Submissions Accepted April 1-June 1, 2020

Selected Photos Announced June 30, 2020

Eligibility + Submission Requirements

- Children in grades K-12 may submit entries.
- All entries must be submitted electronically.
- All submissions must reference life as a military-connected child.
- Only original work will be accepted, i.e. no work that is copied from another source.
- Visual art submissions must be in electronic format
- The Entry and Release Form provided by MCEC must be completed in full, signed and attached with the submission.
- If work is selected for publication, Entrant may be asked to submit a photograph of themselves to be published with their work.
- All submissions must be emailed to info@militarychild.org

Themes

Coping during COVID-19, Cultures You've Experienced, Pride in Military Parents, Challenges, Military Lifestyle, Wishes, Hopes, and Dreams, Your Military Community/Environment, Parents/Family, Teachers/School, Moving to New Communities, Making Friends, Change/Transition, Celebrating Holiday and/or Seasonal, Traditions as a Military-Connected Kid

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Photography Entry Guidelines Eligibility

- All submissions MUST reflect life from the military-connected child's experience.
- Only original work will be accepted, i.e., no work that is copied from another source.
- All digital photos accepted (mobile, camera, iPad)
- All submissions must be emailed to: Marketing email address
- High resolution scans or images acceptable
- Color or black & white single images are accepted

- All submissions should be titled. If not, MCEC may title the work.

Visual Arts

- High resolution scans or images acceptable
- Submissions may be in any medium
- Color or black & white are accepted; artists are encouraged to use bright colors and/or dark, bold designs
- All submissions should be titled. If not, MCEC may title the work.

Creative Writing

- Poetry should not exceed one page; original work only
- Prose must not exceed 500 words
- Work should not include people's last name
- All submissions should be titled or MCEC may title the work

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Entry and Release Form**

The Entry and Release Form must be completed in full, signed and attached with the submission.

Student's Information

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip/Country _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School Information

Name _____ Teacher _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip/Country _____

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:

Release and Agreement

By signing below, I, as parent or guardian of _____, I agree that:

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.

Signature of Parent or Guardian (Required) _____ **Date** _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian _____