

OFFICE OF THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD

MCPOCG's 2016 MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD ART & ESSAY CONTEST

Entry Guidelines:

Through **Art** or an **Essay**, answer at least one (1) of the following questions:

1. *What are some of the challenges of being a military child?*
2. *What are some of the benefits?*
3. *What advice would you give to another military child who is struggling?*
4. *What do the Coast Guard's core values of **Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty** mean/look like to you, and how have you lived by them?*

Eligibility Criteria:

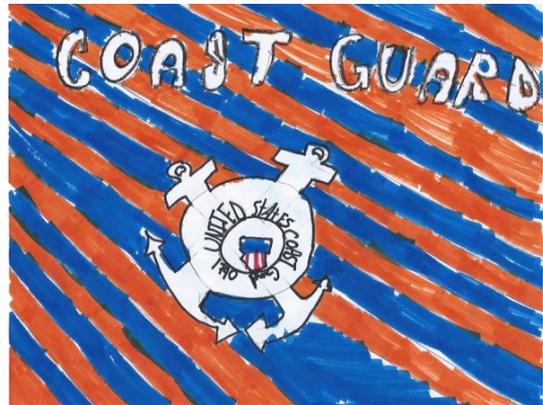
Open to the dependents of active-duty and Reserve Coast Guardsmen – in the following categories and age groups:

Art

- 3-5 years old
- 6-9 years old
- 10-13 years old
- 14-17 years old

Essay

- 10-13 years old
- 14-17 years old



Prizes:

The first prize winner from each age group will receive:

Art

- 3-5 years old.....**Amazon Kindle Fire HD 6 Kids Edition, Wi-Fi, 16GB, with kid-proof case**
- 6-9 years old.....**Apple iPad Mini, Wi-Fi, 16GB**
- 10-13 years old.....**Nintendo Wii U, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Set, 32 GB**
- 14-17 years old.....**Microsoft XBOX One, 500 GB**

Essay

- 10-13 years old.....**Microsoft XBOX One, 500 GB**
- 14-17 years old.....**Sony Playstation 4, 500 GB**

Overall Winner (Best in Show).....Apple MacBook Air Laptop, 13.3-inch screen, 256 GB

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Timeline/Deadline:

The contest begins on April 29, 2016 and ends on May 31, 2016, after which time a judging panel will convene at Coast Guard Headquarters to choose one winner from each of the six age groups above. Winners will be announced by July 15, 2016, via a Coast Guard [All Hands](#) blog post.

How to Enter:

Both physical and electronic entries will be accepted. Email or mail entries to the below POC. Physical entries **will not** be returned. All entries must be received or postmarked (if mailed) by May 31, 2016.

Send entries to:

PACS Kyle Niemi,
Governmental & Public Affairs Officer,
Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard

Phone: 202-372-4531
Email: Kyle.N.Niemi@uscg.mil

COMMANDANT (CG-00B)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20593-7000
Attn: PACS Niemi

General Contest Guidelines:

1. This contest is open to the children/dependents of active-duty Coast Guardsmen and Coast Guard reservists. This contest is not open to children/dependents of Coast Guard auxiliarists, retirees or civilian employees.
2. All entries – both physical and electronic – must be accompanied by a contest entry form. [Download and fill out a contest entry form here.](#)
3. In the case of a physical entry, send the contest entry form along with the entry, but *also email it to the above POC*, so we'll know to be on the lookout for the mailed entry.
4. Only original work will be accepted. Entrants (children) must have primary creative control of their submission, but their parent(s) may help fill out the contest entry form.
5. By submitting, parent(s) give the Coast Guard permission to post, publish or reprint their child's work at the conclusion of the competition, along with their name and their child's name.
6. Entrants may compete in both the Art and the Essay competitions, however only one (1) entry per category per age group.
7. Parent(s) may submit entries for more than one child, but one child per contest entry form.

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8. In the case of a child celebrating a birthday during the competition period, and such that it will move him/her into a new competition age group (e.g. child turns 6 during the contest, thus moving him/her from the 3-5 age group to the 6-9 age group), then parent(s) may choose in which age group the child's entry will compete.
9. Submissions must be received/postmarked by 11:59 p.m. EST on May 31, 2016.
10. Guidelines for submissions in **Art** category:
 - a. Art must answer one (1) of the questions provided in the "Contest Categories" section above.
 - b. Art can be in any of the following mediums – drawing, painting, chalk or charcoal. Any other mediums, please check with us first.
 - c. Submit the artwork to us electronically via scanned .pdf or .jpg (1-10 MB file size), or send the originals via mail. Original entries **will not** be returned.
11. Guidelines for submissions in **Essay** category:
 - a. Essays must answer one (1) of the questions provided in the "Contest Categories" section above.
 - b. Essays must be between 200 and 600 words.
 - c. Essays may be handwritten or typed.
 - d. Submit the essay to us electronically via Word document (.doc) or scanned hardcopy in .pdf format.
12. Prizes are being provided through a sponsorship of this activity by the Coast Guard Foundation. Reference to any of the companies and products in this document do not imply a direct endorsement by the Coast Guard. Prizes will be mailed to the category and age group winners.

POC for Questions:

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