

Military Child Month Art & Poetry Contest



The Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations, as part of a celebration of Military Child Month in April, will sponsor an Art and Poetry Contest for children whose parents currently serve in the [military or who have separated/retired in the past four years from the military](#).

The Art Contest is open to students in grades K-8, and the Poetry Contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Contestants may choose to address one of the following themes in their entry.

- ☆ **"Standing on the Shoulders of Giants"** - The sacrifices and contributions of our soldiers to our country
- ☆ **"Missing You"** - The impact on you and your family of having a deployed parent
- ☆ **"This Land is Our Land"** - The meaning of patriotism and the beauty of America
- ☆ **"We Serve Too"** - A depiction of life as part of a military family

Contestant Categories

- ☆ One winner will be selected from each of the following two art categories: grades K-5 and grades 6-8.
- ☆ Three winners will be selected from the poetry category of grades 9-12.
- ☆ The winners' artwork or poetry will be displayed at the Texas State Capitol from Monday, March 30-Wednesday, April 1. Contestants will be notified via phone on Thursday, April 2 if they are selected as a winner.

Recognition of the Five Winners [on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the Texas State Capitol](#)

- ☆ Winners will be invited to breakfast with Texas State Legislators in the Lt. Governor's Reception room where the entries will be displayed.
- ☆ Winners will be recognized by the Texas Senate and will receive a framed resolution adopted by the Texas Senate in honor of Military Child Day at the Texas State Capitol.
- ☆ Winners will also receive a commemorative medal.

- ☆ Winners will have their art/poetry displayed in the Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations office at the Texas State Capitol for the remainder of the 81st Regular Legislative Session.

Entries and applications must be **received by Friday, March 27, 2009.**

Entries and applications should either be emailed to heidi.kluber@senate.state.tx.us or mailed to: The Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711-2068.

All entries will be available to be picked up from the Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations' office located at the Sam Houston Building, Suite 345.

If you have any questions please contact Heidi Kluber at 512-463-0126 or via email at heidi.kluber@senate.state.tx.us.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Branch of Military Parent(s) Serves In: _____ Parent(s) Rank: _____