

WRIGHT-PATT

ART & PHOTO CONTEST

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

MARCH 1 - APRIL 3

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 6 - 17

CATEGORIES: ART (2D & 3D) & PHOTOGRAPHY

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO
TOP 3 WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY:

FIRST PLACE: \$75 AMAZON GIFT CARD
SECOND PLACE: \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD
THIRD PLACE: \$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD

Submissions will be accepted from March 1 to April 3
Submissions should be sent to 88FSS.WPAFB.CommunityPrograms@us.af.mil



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RULES AND HOW TO ENTER!



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Entry into the **Wright-Patt Art & Photo Contest** indicates agreement by the entrant to all Wright-Patt Art & Photo Contest Official Rules and Eligibility Requirements.

Theme

The Theme for the Wright-Patt Art & Photo Contest is...

LIFE OF A MILITARY CHILD

Military life is experienced differently by all of us, especially by those of different ages. It also means something different to every person. Military life can bring fond memories of family and friends gathering as a community or experiencing various cultures around the world. It can also bring on an array of emotions like patriotism, honor, stress, loneliness, excitement, acceptance, etc. As we get closer to the Month of the Military Child, we want to encourage youth to capture these raw perspectives in print and art. We want you to share your honest and true 'Military Child' experience with the Wright-Patterson Air Force community.

Participants will have a chance to showcase their best "Life of a Military Child" themed photo or art piece. This is a time for you to show us your perspective! This is your time to shine and to show off your creativity.

Eligibility Requirements

- Entrants in the Youth Categories must meet the following age requirements.
 - **Youth Child** (Ages 6 to 8)
 - **Youth Pre-Teen** (Ages 9 to 12)
 - **Youth Teen** (Ages 13 to 17)
- A legal parent or guardian must submit entries on behalf of authorized Youth Category participants.
- Participants must meet all eligibility requirements determined in the Official Rules.
- Prizes will be awarded to eligible participants.
- Failure to meet eligibility or submission requirements will render the submission ineligible.
- Participants are limited to submitting entries within their respective age category. Submitting the same artwork or photograph in multiple age categories is prohibited and will result in disqualification.

Categories

- **Art (2D & 3D)**
 - Age Groups
 - **Youth Child** (Ages 6 to 8)
 - **Youth Pre-Teen** (Ages 9 to 12)
 - **Youth Teen** (Ages 13 to 17)
- **Photography**
 - Age Groups
 - **Youth Child** (Ages 6 to 8)
 - **Youth Pre-Teen** (Ages 9 to 12)
 - **Youth Teen** (Ages 13 to 17)

Description of Categories

2D & 3D Art

Two-dimensional art is a drawing, sketch, or painting. Accepted media include oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, mixed media, gouache, egg tempera, pen and ink, charcoal, colored pencil, scratch board, markers, metal point, and digital art.

Three-dimensional art mediums are such as, sculpture, ceramic, pottery, clay, glass, metals, jewelry, wood, fiber, and textile.

Photography

The practice of capturing images by exposing light-sensitive film or a digital sensor directly to the scene being photographed. It involves composing a single image in-camera, without significant post-processing or manipulation. Traditional photography aims to depict a scene or subject as faithfully as possible, relying on natural lighting and minimal alterations.

Prizes

- Winners will be notified via email no later than 17 April 2026. Winners must respond via email within *five business days* of notification. If no response is received, an alternate winner will be chosen.
- Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) winners in each category.
 - First Place: \$75 Amazon Gift card
 - Second Place: \$50 Amazon Gift Card
 - Third Place: \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- Winners will receive an Amazon Gift Card presented by the Point of Contact (POC) in a method compliant with installation health and safety guidelines. The winner must have a legal parent or guardian present to accept the prize.
- Acceptance of the prize grants Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – 88th Force Support Squadron the right to use the winning submission in its entirety for any publicity, advertising, or promotional purposes without compensation.
- The winner must comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the Official Rules. Winning is contingent upon fulfilling all such requirements.
- No entrant may win more than one prize.

Contest Period

Submissions will be accepted beginning on 1 March 2026 at 1200 EST and ending on 3 April 2026 at 1200 EST.

How to Enter

Submission to the contest is easy!

Participant's parents or legal guardians will need to mail a picture(s) of the art piece / photograph to 88FSS.WPAFB.CommunityPrograms@us.af.mil between 1 March 2026 at 1200 EST to 3 April 2026 at 1200 EST.

In the email, please make sure to include the artist's name, age, title of artwork, and an accompanying caption that tells the story of the image and how it was made.

****Note:** All artwork and photographs must have a title. 'Untitled' work will not be accepted.

An email will be sent back within 2 business days confirming that the submission has been received and meets the requirements. If there is an issue with the artwork, an email will be sent to notify the participant.

No purchase is necessary to enter or win.

Submission Requirements

By submitting an entry in the contest, regardless of country of entry, each entrant represents and warrants that his or her photograph(s) conform to these Official Rules and meet the following criteria.

1. Submissions must be the original work of the entrant.
2. Submitted Artwork and Photographs must have been created within the time frame of 1 March 2026 to 3 April 2026
3. Artwork and photograph(s) must convey the theme “Life of a Military Child.”
4. Submitted artwork and photographs may not have won a previous contest.
5. Artwork and photograph(s) must be submitted as high-quality JPG/JPEG or PNG files and must be 300 dpi when saved to ensure clear, detailed images for judging.
6. Participants may submit up to two (2) entries in each category. However, only one prize will be awarded per entrant.
 - i.e. Jane submits one 2D art piece, one 3D art piece, and two photographs in her respective category.
7. Artwork and photographs may only be submitted in an entrant’s respective age group.
8. All artwork and photographs must have a title. ‘Untitled’ work will not be accepted.
9. Each submission must have an accompanying caption that tells the story of the image and how it was made.
10. Submissions must not...
 - Be obscene or libelous
 - Contain defamatory or derogatory remarks
 - Use inappropriate language or slang
 - Violate any rights of any third party

Any submission violating these guidelines will be disqualified.

11. Artwork and photograph(s) must not be subject to any third-party agreements which may require Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – 88th Force Support Squadron to pay any sum of money to any person or entity as a result of its use or exploitation of the photographs or rights therein.
12. Contest Administrators reserve the right to request proof that the artwork and photograph(s) submitted is original work. Non-compliance with this rule will result in disqualification of the entry.

13. The entrant will hold Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – 88th Force Support Squadron harmless for unauthorized use of artwork and photographs by third parties.
14. Submissions may be used without restriction by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – 88th Force Support Squadron, including without limitation, rights to use images in digital, social, broadcast, and printed media for the purposes of advertising, publicity and promotion.
15. Generative AI tools are not permitted. All elements within the artwork and photograph must be created by the artist, without reliance on stock images, pre-made templates, or third-party models.

Artwork Requirements

16. Any references used in creating artwork, including photographs, must be taken by the artist or must be used with written permission from the original source.
17. The artwork must be solely created by the entrant, without utilizing stock images, pre-made templates, or other third-party materials.
18. Artwork must not be based on published material, other artists' work, or any form of previously copyrighted content.
19. 2D Digital Artwork may be created in software, such as Adobe Photoshop, Procreate, and Corel Painter, using methods like digital painting, drawing, or illustration.
20. 3D Digital Artwork may be created in modeling software, such as Blender, Maya, or ZBrush. Submissions should be original digital renderings or scenes that reflect detailed design and creativity.

Photography Requirements

21. Traditional Photography: The practice of capturing images by exposing light-sensitive film or a digital sensor directly to the scene being photographed. It aims to depict a scene or subject as faithfully as possible, with minimal post-processing or manipulation.
22. Photographs may not bear watermarks, logos, signatures, or markings of any kind.
23. Photographs may be cropped.
24. Photographs may only be minimally processed.
25. Photographs must not contain content, element or material that violates a third party's intellectual property rights, including, but not limited to copyrights, trademarks, patents, trade secrets, logos, contract and licensing rights, rights of publicity or privacy, moral rights, or any other intellectual property rights.
26. By submitting, the entrant is guaranteeing that he/she holds the rights to everything in the image, and that it does not contain any copyright protected material that

would require the consent of any third party; and does not violate any copyright, trademark, publicity right, or any other right of any third party.

27. Photographers and their parents or legal guardians are solely responsible for obtaining proper releases for photographs which contain material or elements that are not owned by the entrant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the photograph, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the photograph, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the photograph in the manner set forth in these rules without additional compensation.
28. If any person appearing in any photograph is under the age of eighteen, the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required for each release.

Judging

A panel of experts will evaluate each entrant's submission based on the following criteria: Impact, Creativity and Technical Excellence.

Determinations made by judges are final and binding.

- **Impact:** Viewing artwork/photographs for the first time always evokes a feeling. Sometimes they make us sad, happy, or angry. Sometimes they force us to look inward at ourselves. That is called impact, and the more powerful the image, the more powerful the emotional response of the viewer.
- **Creativity:** Your point of view is exactly that– yours. And it is unlike anyone else's. This element speaks directly to that perspective. It shows your imagination and how you used the medium to convey an idea, a message, or a thought to the viewer. This is how you differentiate yourself from others.
- **Technical Excellence:** This is the quality of the artwork/photo itself as it is presented for viewing. There are many aspects that speak to the qualities of technical excellence.

In artwork, these can include:

- Technique/Mastery of the medium
- Composition
- Detailing
- Color Theory
- Line Quality
- Perspective

In photography these can include:

- Retouching
- Manipulation
- Sharpness
- Exposure
- Color correction

Release Statement

Limitation of Liability

By entering the Wright-Patt Art & Photo Contest, all entrants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – 88th Force Support Squadron and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents and their employees, officers, directors, and representatives from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in the Wright-Patt Art & Photo Contest.

The entrant is responsible for ensuring submissions are received by the specified deadline. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base – 88th Force Support Squadron is not responsible for the condition, delivery, or non-delivery of any submission or communication regardless of the cause or type of error be it human, electronic, virtual, technical, or mechanical.

Disqualification

Contest Administrators reserves the right to disqualify any entry submission for any reason at its sole absolute discretion. The decisions of the Contest Administrators with regard to the entrant eligibility, disqualification and determination of winners shall be final and binding.

Privacy Act Statement

Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) Purpose: To contact winners participating in Wright-Patt Art & Photo Contest. Routine Uses: This information will not be disclosed outside DoW. Disclosure/Effects: Disclosure is voluntary; however, entrants cannot participate in this contest without providing the contact information requested.