



## North Carolina's Operation: Military Kids Visual Arts Contest



*Submission Deadline 30 April 2012*

North Carolina 4-H's Operation: Military Kids program is proud and excited to announce the 5th annual OMK Visual Arts Contest. The contest is opened to all North Carolina youth. The age categories are 5-8 years old, 9-10 years old, 11-12 years old, 13-15 years old, and 16-18 years old. The contest is designed to introduce youth to photography and the arts as a part of the 4-H Expressive Arts Curriculum. Youth will utilize their photography skills and their artistry but most importantly what freedom, patriotism and support for our troops mean to them.

Selected photographs and artwork will be displayed during the week of the 2012 North Carolina 4-H Congress, other events and appropriate venues.

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### **NC Operation: Military Kids PHOTOGRAPHY THEMES:**

- Love of the USA
- Spirit of Patriotism
- All American Kids
- Military Life
- Honoring Our Heroes

### **DEFINITION OF CLASSES:**

- Color: photos taken with either emulsion film or digital cameras.
- Black & White: photos taken with any camera, however, they must be in grey-scale only (this class does not include antiquing, sepia-tone, and/ or hand-tinting).

### **Task of the Artist:**

- To develop original visual art focused on the contest theme.

Each entry submission must be the *original work* of the youth. It may not contain copyrighted material, such as popular songs, magazine cutouts, music videos, etc..., unless permission has been granted for its use. *Use of copyrighted material without permission automatically disqualifies the entry.*

### **PROPER ENTRY OF VISUAL ARTS:**

Each entry must include the following information to ensure proper entry. Some information will be based on the division and class entered. The information **MUST** be legibly printed or typed on the photo release and affixed to the back of the entry in the center. This form can be found online in a PDF format on the North Carolina 4-H website, located at: <http://www.nc4h.org/military/index.html>

*Only entries that follow the proper labeling procedures will be considered for awards.*  
**AWARDS**

- Blue, Red, and White quality awards will be presented to entries in each age division in each category based on the score sheet criteria.
- Best of Show awards will be presented to one photo in each division. Selection criteria will include lighting, composition, artistic quality, and impact.
- One Grand Champion award will be presented from all winning entries.

**NC Operation: Military Kids 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST OBJECTIVES:**

- To encourage young people to use photography as a meaningful communication media.
- To provide photography project showcase opportunities for youth.
- To celebrate the patriotism of the state's young people.

**RULES AND GUIDELINES:**

1. Participation Age: The North Carolina Operation: Military Kids Photography contest is open to all North Carolina youth and will include competitive age categories of 9-10 years old, 11-12 years old, 13-15 years old, and 16-18 years old. Youth aged 5-8 years old may submit entries for evaluation but these entries will be evaluated in a non-competitive format. Prizes will be awarded to all age groups.
2. Eligibility of Photos: All photographs must have been taken by youth between the dates of May 1, 2011 and the time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one division and class to the North Carolina Operation: Military Kids photography contest.
3. Number of Entries: Youth may submit one entry per category. **Entry form must be completed and attached to the back of each submitted item.**
4. Entry Deadline: ENTRIES must arrive in the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Office, postmarked no later than Monday, April 30, 2012.
5. All entries become property of the NC 4-H Youth Development Program and the NC Operation: Military Kids project. Entries may be retained for use and may or may not be returned.
6. Contest Structure Size of Photographs: Each photograph must be 8 inches by 10 inches in dimension.
7. Mounting of Photographs: All prints must be permanently mounted solid on PHOTOGRAPHIC MOUNT BOARD (mat board material) or a **THIN FOAM BOARD** no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches suitable for hanging without an additional frame. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable. +-+ is not allowed for mounting purposes. (Use dry mounting if possible.) Matting (of any kind) is not allowed and will result in disqualification.

8. Negatives: Entrants must be able to provide original transparencies, negative, disk or print if requested.
9. Refusal Rights: The North Carolina 4-H Youth Development reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.
10. Judges: Judges will determine the placings. Their decision on all entries is final.
11. Judging Criteria: Photographers aiming for the North Carolina Operation: Military Kids Photography contest should be mindful of the criteria used in judging entries. In general, contest judges establish a viewing distance when evaluating photo quality; 8x10 photos are generally viewed from 14 to 16 inches. Participants should use viewing distance and the following criteria as guidelines\*:
  - Composition
  - Quality
  - Storytelling
  - \*Refer to [www.nc4h.org/military/index.html](http://www.nc4h.org/military/index.html) for score sheet for further explanation of judging criteria.

### **DISQUALIFICATIONS OF ENTRIES:**

Entries that do not follow the rules, division and class guidelines or any general guidelines will automatically be disqualified. A general form letter specifying reason(s) for disqualification will be returned together with photo to the entrant. Entries received past the deadline will be automatically disqualified and will be returned.

#### Reasons for disqualification:

- Incorrect size.
- Mounted improperly.
- Labeled improperly or label incomplete.
- Entered into incorrect division and/or class.
- Same photo entered into multiple divisions and/or classes.
- No signature(s).
- Received after postmarked date.
- For black and white photos – not a true black and white photo.
- More than one entry in a division and class.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS:**

Entrants will be notified of results. Exhibits will showcase winning entries. Entrants will be notified of potential exhibit location and dates. Results will also be posted to the NC Operation: Military Kids website.

### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

The North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Foundation and/or its employees/agents involved in the contest will not be held liable for missing, mislabeled, damaged, or non-displayed photographs. By entry the participant accepts this release.

**DISPLAY AND FUTURE USE RIGHTS:**

By submitting an entry to the contest, the entrant grants permission to the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and any other public or private agencies authorized by the North Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program, the use, and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness, in promotional publications, and other media, without compensation. Certain photos will be retained for future use. Other photos will be returned. By entry the entrant accepts these conditions of display and future use.

**Submissions are to be mailed to:**

**By US Postal Service Use:**

**NC OMK Visual Arts Contest  
NC 4-H Youth Development  
Box 7606, NC State University  
Raleigh, NC 27695-7606**

**By FedEx, UPS or Other Ground Service Use:**

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NC 4-H Youth Development  
512 Brickhaven Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27606**

**OPERATION: MILITARY KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST  
ENTRY FORM**

*Submission Deadline 30 April 2012*

*(Print or Type)*

Division (AGE):

Class (*Theme*):

Name/Title of Picture:

Name:

Address:

City/Zip Code:

County:

Phone:

E-mail:

Birth Date Age:

Make & Model of Camera Used:

Film Speed Used (if applicable):

Software Used (digital photos):

Describe any special artistic or creative efforts involved in creating this entry (30 words or less):

*Only entries that follow the proper labeling procedures will be considered for awards*

**Signature of Entrant (Parent/guardian signature if entrant is a minor)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (print)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Select photography theme per entry.**

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Spirit of Patriotism

All American Kids

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**Do not laminate entries. No picture frames, slides or transparencies accepted.**

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6. All posters must be designed on or affixed to poster board with dimensions **no larger than 14" x 22"**. Submitted design should be no smaller than 8 ½" x 11".
7. Posters may be horizontal or vertical.

8. Posters should use the contest theme(s) provided.
9. Posters submitted may be produced using any medium (i.e. watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, colored pencils, chalk, etc.) providing that they are **not three-dimensional**.
10. Posters incorporating copyrighted material (i.e. Snoopy, Calvin & Hobbes, and logos like Disney) **will be disqualified**.
11. Posters using computer assistance to create components of the poster or the poster itself should affix a statement of one paragraph explaining how the computer assistance affected the poster's composition and visual presentation.
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