



ASSOCIATION OF FARMWORKER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS (AFOP)
CHILDREN IN THE FIELDS CAMPAIGN

2018 MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKER CHILDREN ESSAY AND ART CONTESTS

THEME: FLOURISHING IN THE FIELDS

ART AND ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to children of migrant or seasonal farmworkers
- Children must be between the ages of 10 to 18 years of age

RULES AND FORMAT

- Essays and Art must clearly express this year's theme: *"Flourishing in the Fields"*
- There will be two age categories: **Ages 10 – 13** and **Ages 14-18**.
- Essay and Art submissions must be solely the work of the student
- Essay and Art entries must be submitted by **June 15, 2018**
- Essays should be submitted on **8.5 x 11-inch** size white paper. Must be legible to be entered into the contest.
- Art must be submitted on **8.5 x 11-inch** size paper.

ART	ESSAY
Art Submissions must include the following:	Essay Submissions must include the following:
1. Completed Art Application with full contact information	1. Completed Essay Application with full contact information
2. Signed Media Release must be filled out by the parent	2. Signed Media Release must be filled out by the Parent
3. Art Size: 8.5 x 11-inch paper	3. Essay Size: 8.5 x 11-inch paper
4. Current picture of the child, preferably working in the fields.	4. Essays should be no more than 500 words single space
5. Short description of art work.	5. Current picture of the child, preferably working in the fields.

SOME IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED:

- How has growing up around farmwork affected your day-to-day life?
- How does being part of a farmworker family or community influence your dreams for the future?
- What are the challenges faced by farmworker families?
- If your family migrates, what is it like to constantly follow the crops and be on the move?
- What kinds of crops do you or your family work in?
- What motivates you to get through the work day? Through the school day?
- What other issues do you face as a child of farmworkers?

ABOUT THE CONTEST SUBMISSION:

- All materials submitted will become the property of the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) and may be used at AFOP's discretion. **Materials will not be returned.**
- The best essays and art submissions will be compiled in a booklet to be presented to key members of Congress to share a piece of the lives of migrant and seasonal farmworker youth.
- Essay and art will be judged by AFOP's Children in the Fields Campaign's partners. The contest judges are professional leaders from organizations that serve the Farmworker community and advocate for farmworker children's well-being. The decisions of the judges are final.
- Art submissions will be judged on both style and content. Judges will look for images that are clear and logically organized. (See Scoring Rubric)
- Winners will be notified via telephone or by mail after July 31, 2018. First place winners will be invited to present their winning entry at AFOP's National Conference during the week of September 18-20, 2018 in Washington, DC. All expenses will be paid for the winner and one accompanying adult.
- Names of winners and winning entries will be published in AFOP's *Washington Newsline* and AFOP will issue press releases announcing the winners. All contact information of participants will be kept confidential.
- If you have questions please contact Melanie Forti:
 - Tel.: 202-384-1771
 - Email: forti@afop.org

CONTEST DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2018

Essay and Art must be submitted to AFOP by June 15, 2018.

- Late submissions will not be considered
- Essays must be legible if handwritten
- Essay and Art submissions must meet the size requirements or they will be disqualified
- Submissions must be accompanied by the application, photo of contestant and media release. Art submissions must include a description of the art

PRIZES

- There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for each age category.
- Winners will be notified via telephone or by mail after July 31, 2018
- All 1st place winners will be given the opportunity to attend AFOP's National Conference in Washington, DC during the week of September 18-20, 2018. All expenses will be paid for the child and one accompanying adult.
- **NEW!** This year we incorporated a **People's Choice Award**. This award was created to encourage participation to the general public. Only Art submissions qualify for this award.
 1. This award will be an online voting process.
 2. The judging committee will select the top 10 art entries from each age category.
 3. We will announce on our social media platforms the link to submit people's votes on August 1st.
 4. The poll will end on August 31st.
 5. The winner will be announced on September 5.
 6. The winner will receive a \$100 prize.

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CATEGORY: ESSAY		
	AGES 10 – 13	AGES 14-18
1 st Place	\$300	\$300
2 nd Place	\$200	\$200
3 rd Place	\$100	\$100

CATEGORY: ART		
	AGES 10 – 13	AGES 14-18
1 st Place	\$300	\$300
2 nd Place	\$200	\$200
3 rd Place	\$100	\$100
People's Choice Award	\$100	\$100

SUBMIT ESSAY AND ART ENTRIES BY JUNE 15, 2018 TO:

MELANIE FORTI

Children in the Field Campaign Director
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
1120 20th St NW, Suite 300 South
Washington, DC 20036

ART Application (Aplicación de Arte)

Full Name (Nombre Completo):					
Age (Edad)		Date of Birth (day/month/year) (Fecha de Nacimiento)			
Gender (Sexo)		I am a child of a migrant or seasonal farmworker (Soy hijo/hija de un trabajador agrícola migrante o temporal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Si) <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Please indicate the phone number and address where you can be reached as of August 1, 2018. (Por favor, indique el número de teléfono y la dirección donde pueda ser contactado después de 1 de agosto de 2018.)					
Street Address: (Dirección)					
City: (Ciudad)		State: (Estado)		Zip Code (código postal)	
Telephone Number (número de teléfono)					
Alternate Contact Person Name (Nombre):					
Alternate Phone # (número de teléfono alternativo)					
Alternate Address (Dirección alterna)					
Email: (Correo electrónico)					
How did you hear about the art contest? (¿Cómo se enteró del concurso de arte?)					
Contest Check list (Lista de verificación de la entrada al concurso)		<input type="checkbox"/> 8 in. x 11 in. Original Art work <input type="checkbox"/> Art Application <input type="checkbox"/> Picture of Child <input type="checkbox"/> Description of Art work <input type="checkbox"/> Media Release Form			

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ESSAY Application (Solicitud de Ensayo)

Full Name (Nombre Completo):					
Age (Edad)		Date of Birth (day/month/year) (Fecha de Nacimiento)			
Gender (Sexo)		I am a child of a migrant or seasonal farmworker (Soy hijo/hija de un trabajador agrícola migrante o temporal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Si) <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Please indicate the phone number and address where you can be reached as of August 01, 2018. (Por favor, indique el número de teléfono y la dirección donde pueda ser contactado después de 1 de agosto de 2018.)					
Street Address: (Dirección)					
City: (Ciudad)		State: (Estado)		Zip Code (código postal)	
Telephone Number (número de teléfono)					
Alternate Contact Person Name (Nombre):					
Alternate Phone # (número de teléfono alterno)					
Alternate Address (Dirección alterna)					
Email: (Correo electrónico)					
How did you hear about the art contest? (¿Cómo se enteró del concurso de Ensayo?)					
Contest Check list (Lista de verificación de la entrada al concurso)		<input type="checkbox"/> Essay <input type="checkbox"/> Essay Application <input type="checkbox"/> Picture of Child <input type="checkbox"/> Media Release Form			

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CHILDREN IN THE FIELDS CAMPAIGN MEDIA RELEASE FORM

Please print carefully all information.

CHILD’S INFORMATION

Child’s Name

Date of Birth (month/day/year)

Address

Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Contact

Phone Number

MEDIA RELEASE FOR CHILD

I hereby grant permission as a parent/guardian of (child’s name) _____

to the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP), its employees or representatives, to take and use of: photographs/digital images, videotape, written testimony, audio recording or quoted remarks of my child for use in promotional or educational materials for printed publications or materials, electronic publications or presentations, and websites.

I agree that my child’s name and identity:

_____ may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary about the image(s).

_____ may **not be** revealed in descriptive text or commentary about the image(s).

I agree that the media:

_____ may contact my family to speak with my child regarding his/her involvement with AFOP activities.

_____ may **not** contact my family to speak with my child regarding his/her involvement with AFOP activities.

I authorize the use of these materials indefinitely without compensation to me. All negatives, positives, prints, digital reproductions, written materials and video or audio recordings shall be the property of AFOP.

Parental/Guardian’s Signature

Date