



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

2020 MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKER CHILDREN  
 ESSAY AND ART CONTEST

**THEME: SEASONS OF TRANSFORMATION & TRIUMPH**

**ART AND ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Open to migrant or seasonal **farmworker children** in the United States of America
- 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: **SEASONS OF TRANSFORMATION & TRIUMPH**
- There will be two age categories: **Ages 10 – 13** and **Ages 14-18**.
- Essay and Art submissions must be original and solely the work of the student.
- Essay and Art entries must be submitted by **July 31, 2020**.
- Must submit the **2020 Application Form** (included in this packet)

<b>ART</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>
<b>Art Submissions must include the following:</b>	<b>Essay Submissions must include the following:</b>
1. Completed <b>Application Form</b> with full contact information	1. Completed <b>Application Form</b> with full contact information
2. Signed <b>Media Release</b> must be filled out by the parent	2. Signed <b>Media Release</b> must be filled out by the parent
3. Art Size: <b>8.5 x 11-inch</b> paper	3. Essay Size: <b>8.5 x 11-inch</b> paper
4. Short <b>description</b> of art work on a separate paper (1 or 2 paragraphs long)	4. Essays should be no more than <b>500 words</b> single-spaced (1 page long).
5. Current <b>picture</b> of the child, preferably working in the fields. (Must be clear and high quality)	5. Current <b>picture</b> of the child, preferably working in the fields. (Must be clear and high quality)

**IMPORTANT: Submissions MUST be guided by these questions:**

- 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 do you like and dislike about working in the fields?
- What motivates you to get through the work day? Through the school day?
- How does being part of a farmworker family or community influence your dreams for the future?
- What are your dreams?
- What do you wish for your family?
- **How do you see yourself transforming and triumphing in life?**

## 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 winning essay and art submissions will be compiled into 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 August 31, 2020. First place winners will automatically be entered into a raffle to win a Tablet.**
- Names of winners and winning entries will be published in AFOP's *Washington Newsline*, and AFOP will issue a press release announcing the winners. ***All contact information of participants will be kept confidential.***
- If you have questions please contact Melanie Forti:
  - Tel.: 202-384-1771 // Cell: 202-684-1380
  - Email: [forti@afop.org](mailto:forti@afop.org)

## CONTEST DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2020

Essay and Art must be submitted to AFOP by July 31, 2020.

- 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
  1. 2020 application form
  2. One photo of contestant
  3. Media release
  4. Art submissions must be original and must include a description of the art.

## PRIZES

- There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for each age category.
- Winners will be notified via telephone or by mail after August 31, 2020.
- First Place winners will automatically be entered into a raffle to win a Tablet.

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

<b>CATEGORY: ART</b>		
	<b>AGES 10 – 13</b>	<b>AGES 14-18</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$300	\$300
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$200	\$200
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$100	\$100

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## SUBMIT ESSAY AND ART ENTRIES BY JULY 31, 2020 TO:

### MELANIE FORTI

Children in the Field Campaign Director  
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs  
P.O. Box 43784  
Washington, D.C. 20010

## 2020 CONTESTS' APPLICATION

PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION	
Full Name / <i>Nombre Completo</i>	
Date of Birth / <i>Fecha de Nacimiento</i>	_____ / _____ / _____
Age / <i>Edad</i> : _____	Gender / <i>Sexo</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Do you migrate? / <i>Emigra?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes/Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes/A veces
Participant's Email / <i>Email del Participante</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> don't have
Participant's Phone / <i>Teléfono del Participante</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> don't have    ( _____ ) _____ - _____
Postal Address / <i>Dirección Postal</i>  <i>(Where check can be sent/ Dónde se pueda enviar el cheque)</i>	_____ _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
I submitted... / <i>Yo entregué...</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Art/Arte <input type="checkbox"/> Essay/Ensayo
PARENT INFORMATION	
Mother's Name / <i>Nombre de la Madre</i>	
Mother's Cellphone / <i>Celular de la Madre</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> don't have    ( _____ ) _____ - _____
Mother's Email / <i>Email de la Madre</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> don't have
Father's Name / <i>Nombre del Padre</i>	
Father's Cellphone / <i>Celular del Padre</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> don't have    ( _____ ) _____ - _____
Father's Email / <i>Email del Padre</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> don't have
OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION (School, Migrant Education, Migrant Programs, etc.)	
Contact's Full Name / <i>Nombre del Contacto</i>	
Relationship w/ participant / <i>Relación con participante</i>	
Contact's Email / <i>Email del Contacto</i>	
Contact's Phone / <i>Teléfono de Contacto</i>	( _____ ) _____ - _____
ART CHECKLIST	ESSAY CHECKLIST
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 in. x 11 in. Original Artwork <input type="checkbox"/> Description of Artwork <input type="checkbox"/> Picture of Child <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Media Release Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Picture of Child <input type="checkbox"/> Media Release Form

# 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 make 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