



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

2021 MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKER CHILDREN
 ESSAY AND ART CONTEST

THEME: WE ARE THE HARVEST OF HOPE: WE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD

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 15, 2021**.
- Must submit the **2021 Application Form** (included in this packet)

ART	ESSAY
Art Submissions must include the following:	Essay Submissions must include the following:
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application Form with full contact information	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application Form with full contact information
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Media Release must be filled out by the parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Media Release must be filled out by the parent
<input type="checkbox"/> Art Size: 8.5 x 11-inch paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay Size: 8.5 x 11-inch paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Short description of art work on a separate paper (1 or 2 paragraphs long)	<input type="checkbox"/> Essays should be no more than 500 words single-spaced (1 page long).
<input type="checkbox"/> Current picture of the child, preferably working in the fields. (Must be clear and high quality)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current picture 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?
- What kinds of crops do you and/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?
- **How do you see yourself changing the world?**

ABOUT THE CONTEST SUBMISSION:

- All materials submitted must be original and will become the property of the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) and will 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, 2021. First place winners will win the chance to travel with all expenses covered to AFOP's National Conference.**
- 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.: 202-963-3201 // Cell: 202-684-1380
 - Email: forti@afop.org

CONTEST DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2021

Essay and Art must be submitted to AFOP by July 15, 2021.

- 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. 2021 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for each age category.
- Winners will be notified via telephone or by mail after August 31, 2021.
- First Place winners will automatically be entered into a raffle to win a Tablet.

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

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SUBMIT ESSAY AND ART ENTRIES BY JULY 15, 2021 TO:

MELANIE FORTI

Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
1150 Connecticut Ave. NW
Suite 315
Washington, DC 20036

2021 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