Honoring Our Heroes is a student writing program designed for you to write about your real-life heroes and role models.

The person you write about should display one or more of the following characteristics: generosity, trust, persistence, dedication, leadership, creativity, caring, bravery, imagination, service, gentleness, courage, or compassion.

We want you to redefine media-hyped and cartoon heroes such as professional athletes, movie stars, and rock musicians and instead recognize someone who has made a more personal impact on your life such as a family member, doctor, public safety officer, soldier, or teacher.

**Essay Rules and Guidelines**

1. The essay can be handwritten or typed.
2. The essay must be on one single sheet of 8½ x 11-inch paper (Single or double-sided but no more than one sheet of paper)
3. Completed entry form below must be attached to essay
4. Student name ONLY should be placed in top right corner of the essay; NO other identifying information should be on the essay.
5. A picture of the hero should be attached if possible. Label the picture on the back with the student’s name.

**Judging Rules and Guidelines**

Entries will be judged on the student’s ability to articulate the qualities of the hero and to describe the manner in which the hero has impacted the student’s life.

ECCC will hold a special reception to recognize the first place winner from each grade level at each school. In addition, every writer who fits in the Special Artist category (as defined by Georgia PTA’s Special Artist category for the Reflections competition) will also be recognized.