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

A hero is defined as a person who is admired or idealized for their courage, outstanding achievements, distinguished abilities, and/or their noble qualities.

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

We want you to recognize someone who has made an impact on your life such as a family member, doctor, public safety officer, soldier, or teacher. A famous individual such as a professional athlete or movie star CAN be a personal hero if they have made an impact on your life through their dedication, perseverance, or other characteristics and NOT because of their fame.

**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 the essay.
4. Student name ONLY should be placed in the 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. Submissions are due to your school by January 17, 2020.

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**Honoring Our Heroes Student Entry Form 2019-2020**

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Check here if Special Artist □

Home Address: ____________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Email: _________________________

_____ Check here if parent phone/email Parent Name: __________________________

School: ____________________________

Homeroom Teacher: _______________ Language Arts Teacher: _______________

Hero’s Name: ____________________________ Check here to confirm photo is attached