

K-12 Education News

From the School Liaison

May 2025

Hello Families,

Below are some wonderful resources available to you:

The below resources are NOT a Navy Recommendation or Endorsement but a list of resources

Paying for College:

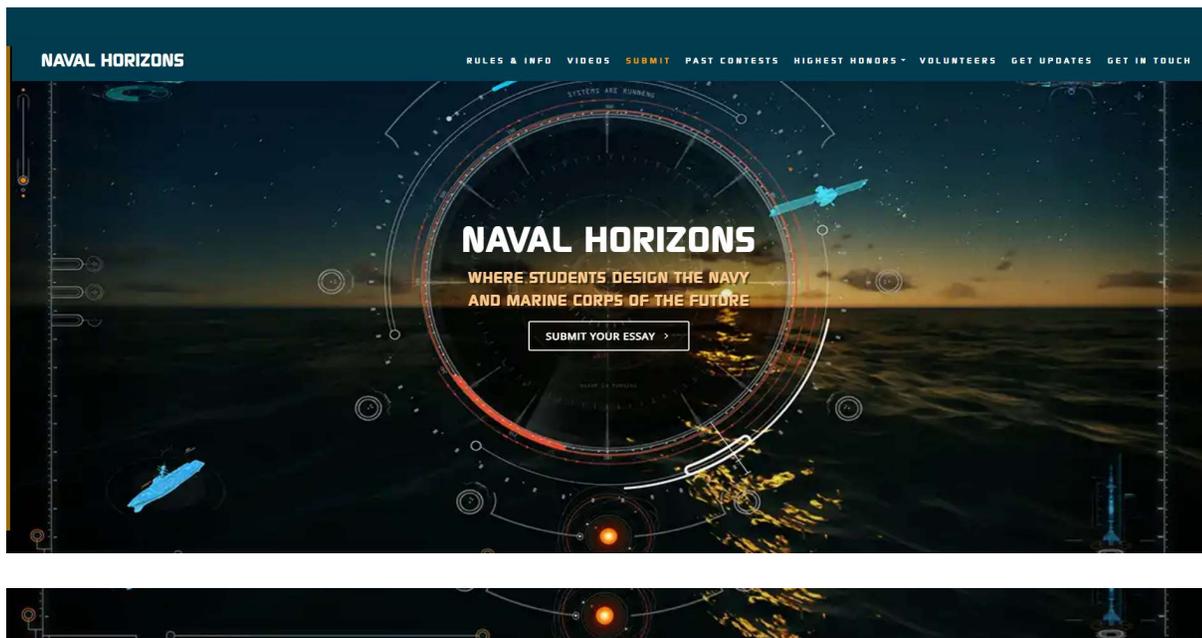
Do you have a high school student who is interested in going to college? Well, here are some valuable scholarship search engines:

1. <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/mayland-scholarships>
2. <https://www.careeronestop.org/default.aspx>

Explore the website about how there are supports for military-connected families -
https://servingtogetherproject.org/resource_categories/raising-a-family-for-military-families/

Naval Horizons Scholarship- Now Open!

<https://www.navalhorizons.us/>



CONTEST #6

April 6, 2025
Essay contest opens at noon, 12:00 p.m. ET.

June 16, 2025
Essay contest submission form closes at 11:59 p.m. ET.

August 4, 2025
Naval Horizons Highest Honors winners announced at 11:59 p.m. ET.

NAVAL HORIZONS RULES & INFO VIDEOS **SUBMIT** PAST CONTESTS HIGHEST HONORS VOLUNTEERS GET UPDATES GET IN TOUCH

ESSAY CONTEST

Naval Horizons introduces students to cutting-edge Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) topics that impact the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps – to include autonomy, oceanography, cybersecurity, undersea medicine, and more. We invite students to learn about Naval STEM challenges and our scientists and engineers through this video series. Then, we encourage students to write an essay explaining how our research and our people inspire them. This contest challenges students to picture themselves in a STEM career by designing the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps of the future.

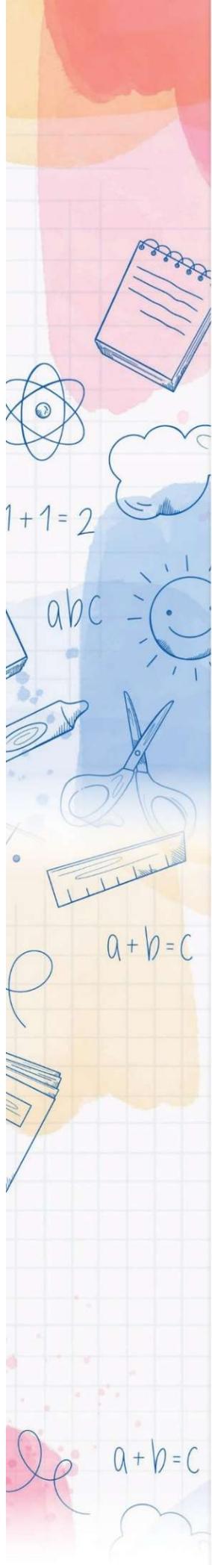
\$200 Prize

JUDGING

Judges will select up to 5,000 winners. Please see [RULES & INFO](#) for essay judging criteria.

CONTEST PRIZE

All winners are eligible to receive a \$200 cash prize. Exceptional essays may be highlighted on a Naval STEM web page and will be designated Naval Horizons Highest Honors.



Postsecondary Opportunities: Use this useful guide below to begin to plan to attend college!

COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

FRESHMAN YEAR

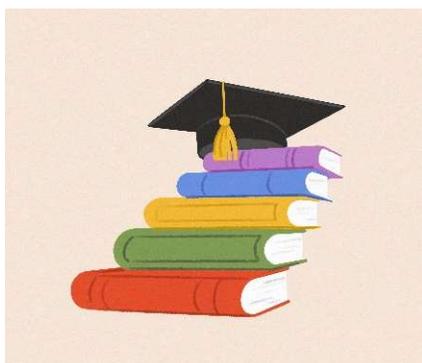
- Make the most out of high school – get involved!
- Meet with your school counselor
- Plan a challenging course schedule
- Explore careers
- Learn college entrance requirements
- Research college costs
- Create a college savings plan

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Meet with your counselor again
- Continue to take challenging courses
- Update your career exploration
- Take the PSAT or PLAN (ACT)
- Gather information on colleges
- Compare colleges
- Continue with extracurricular activities/join an academic club if possible

JUNIOR YEAR

- Meet with your counselor again
- Continue to take challenging courses
- Take the PSAT/PLAN again
- Begin a high school portfolio
- Investigate scholarships
- Sign up for the SAT or ACT
- Volunteer



Youth Sponsorship Corner- Youth Sponsorship is available for your student. Youth Sponsorship is designed to assist students as they transition through various stages. Whether its preparing to move, deployment, or grief etc. We have support for you through our A4L resiliency kits. Please reach out to your School Liaison at 301-295-7849 today if you would like one.

Do you have youth family members who have special needs? Do you need help as a parent to navigate special needs arena? Ask your EFMP & your School Liaison about the Special Ed Connection!

Give your School Liaison a call at 301-295-7849 if you have further questions.

While you are waiting feel free to read about the Special Ed Connection on their website- www.specialedconnection.com

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Log in to Special Ed ConnectionSM to experience everything this online resource has to offer!

Education experts predict executive order may lead to increased exclusionary discipline

NEWSWORTHY: President Trump's executive order involving discipline raises concerns about exclusionary practices. Review the potential impact predicted by **ed**ucation attorneys.



Don't let summer sunny weather overshadow need for special ed evaluations

Parents may request a **special ed**ucation evaluation for their child right before or during the summer. Learn how to ensure students receive timely initial evaluations despite the challenges of summer break.

Thoughtful questions for inclusive lesson planning for students with autism, cognitive delays

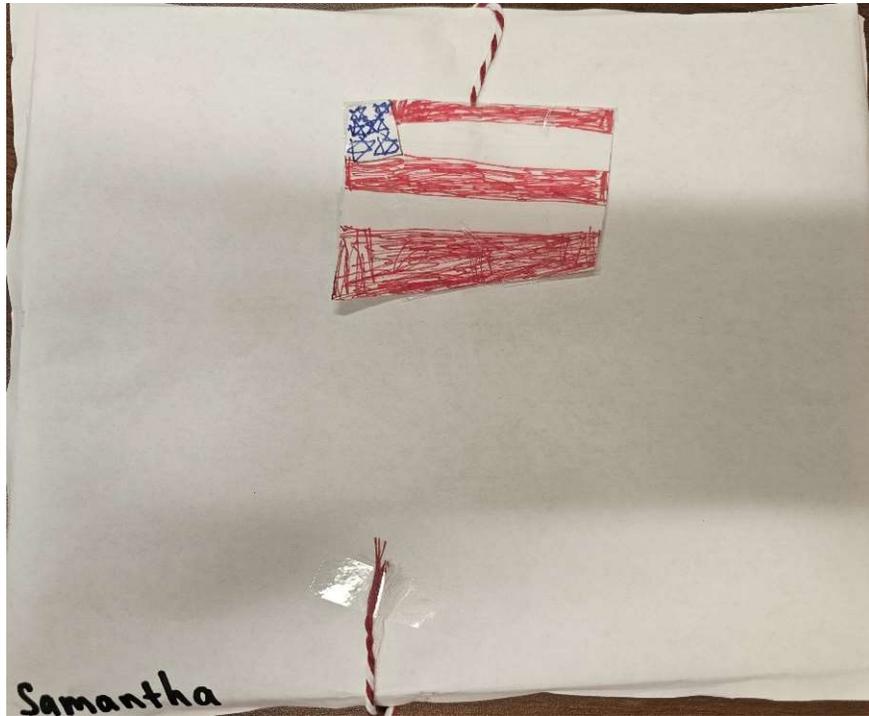
SAMPLE TOOL: Consider whether teachers can weave these methods for improving participation and retention into their classes.



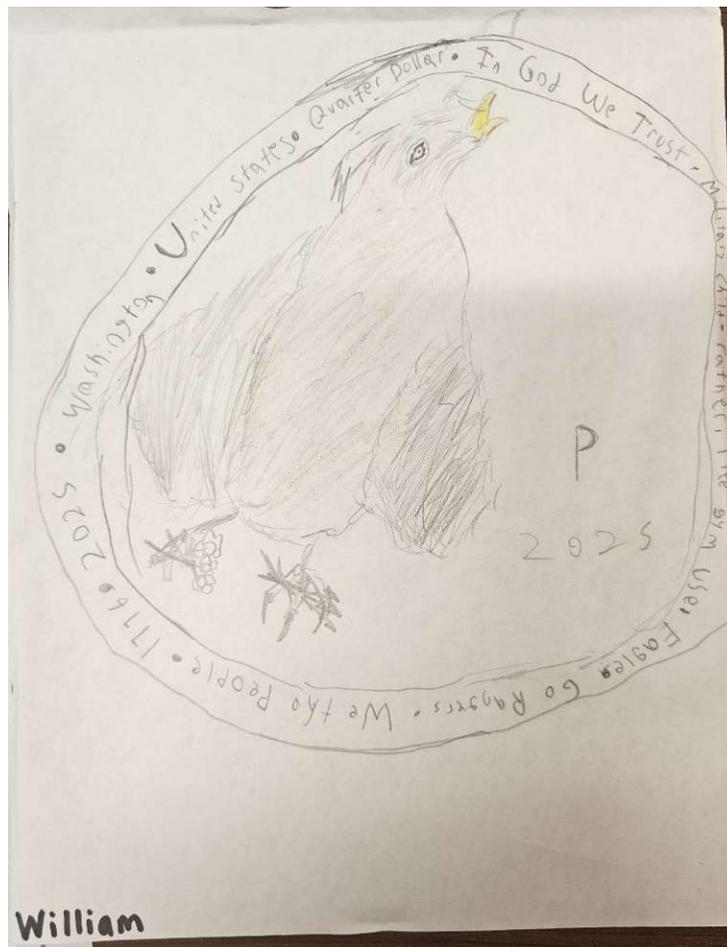
Example of a Current Issue...

Month of the Military Child ☺ Poster

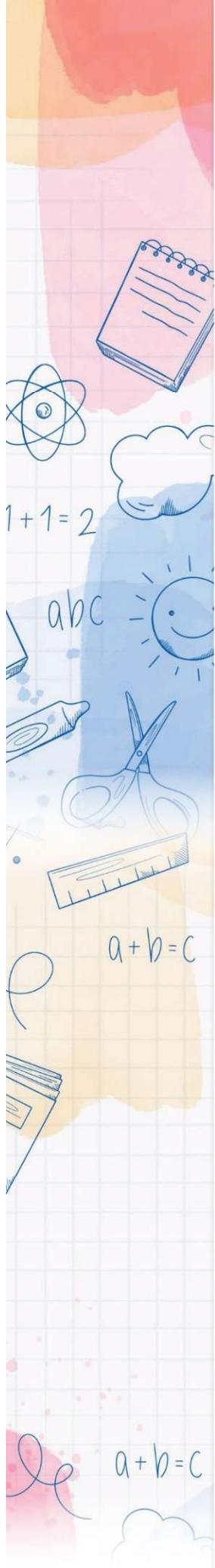
Contest Winners-



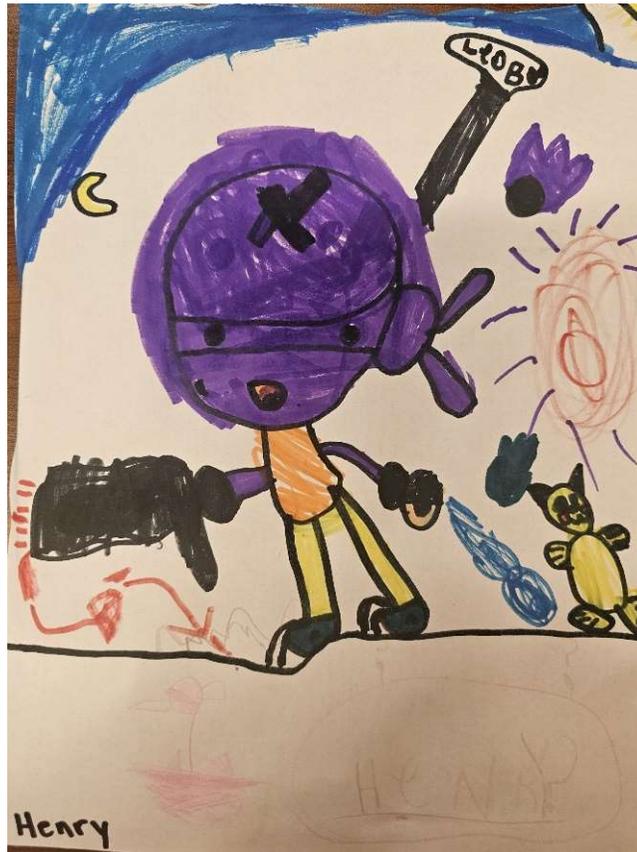
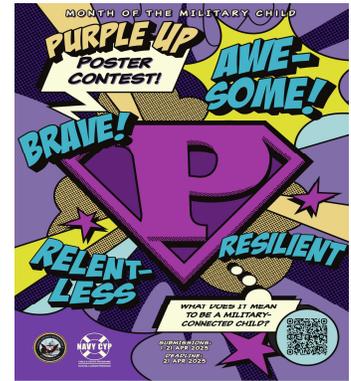
K-5
Winner!



6-8
Winner!



Month of the Military Child ☺ Poster Contest Winners-



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Home Instruction (Also known as home school):

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/pages/dsfss/sssp/homeinstruct/index.aspx>

Maryland
Home
Instruction

These are not Navy recommendations but a list of resources ☺

- Maryland Home Schooling in MD- HSLDA-
<https://www.hslda.org/hs/state/MD/>
- Maryland Homeschool Association-
<https://mdhsa.com/>

Upcoming Events in the Community:

MID-YEAR MOVES

May 21 - June 25

12 - 1 pm • Free

**Virtual Option TEAMS or
In-Person at MFSC Bldg 11**

Have you received PCS orders? Your School Liaison and EFMP Case Liaisons are teaming up to provide you with easy, practical tips for your relocation. You will leave this workshop with the information and tools to make your move less stressful.

Contact EFMPBethesda@us.navy.mil or
(301) 319-4087 for more information or to register.



Upcoming Events in the Community:

Go to the Website- <https://www.ppmmd.org/>



CONTACT AN EXPERT

Looking for information on how to attain education and/or health care services for a child with a disability? Contact an expert who can connect you with resources and information to support your needs.
¿Busca información sobre cómo obtener educación y / o servicios de atención médica para un niño con una discapacidad? Póngase en contacto con un experto que pueda conectarlo con recursos e información para satisfacer sus necesidades.

[Contact Us Now / Contáctanos ahora](#) →

20th Annual MELLFIN Conference:
May 1, 2025- @ 8 am and @ 3 pm



Call the School Liaison- Jennifer at 301-295-7849 with assistance, Today!

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