



## National Métis Veterans Prayer, Poem, & Artwork Contest

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*"Our Métis Veterans are highly regarded throughout the Homeland. It is their contributions and sacrifices that have given us liberty and freedom. We are forever grateful, and we hold each Veteran close to our hearts and minds.*

***Our Heroes Today, Tomorrow and Forever."***

*Vice-President David Chartrand, Minister responsible for Veterans*

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The National Métis Veterans Prayer, Poem, and Artwork Contest are dedicated to honouring the legacy of the Métis citizens that defend our country and protect our freedom. The Métis National Council (MNC) invites Métis citizens of all ages to join this national initiative.

Citizens can submit entries to the following three categories:

**I. Prayer      II. Poem      III. Artwork**

### How to Enter

The initial entry must be submitted by email to [veteran.info@metisnation.ca](mailto:veteran.info@metisnation.ca). The email must include the name, age, postal address, phone number, email address of the contestant, and the category they are entering. Anyone entering the Contest may submit one (1) entry per category. Entries must conform as close as possible to our submission guidelines. The deadline for entries is 5:00 pm CST May 31, 2021. We will attempt to acknowledge all entries within one week of receipt. We are not responsible for entries or responses lost in email. The Contest is free to enter.

## Age Categories

Age categories for the Contest are as follows:

- Ages 5 to 12
- Ages 13 to 18
- Ages 19 to 30
- Ages 31 and up

## Submission Guidelines

### I. PRAYER & II. POEM

The purpose of the Contest is to create a written **prayer/poem** dedicated to Métis Veterans for the MNC. The prayer/poem should represent Métis veterans' contributions to both war or peacetime service (WWI, WWII, Korea, Special Duty Area, Peacetime, Other) of any branch of service (Navy, Army, Air Force, Merchant Navy or other).

The basic form of your prayer/poem should be – praise, a petition (supplication), intercession, and thanksgiving using any range of poetic or literary styles. Allow your inspiration to flow and surround the focus of your prayer/poem around Métis Veterans. The prayer/poem will be translated into Michif and French. If submitted in French, the entry will be translated into Michif and English. The prayer/poem will be used in various mediums and at the discretion of the MNC.

**\*\*IMPORTANT: The entry must be submitted in MSWord or Mac Pages\*\***

### III. ARTWORK

The purpose of the Contest is to design **artwork** for the Métis Veterans Legacy Program (MVLN). The artwork will be vibrant and have a robust tone recognizable by the Métis Nation. The artwork does not need to contain the MNC/MVLN name within the design but should represent issues related to Métis Veterans. The use of Métis Nation imagery must be incorporated. Flexibility and simplicity are key requirements. The limit on attachment sizes for our email is 5MB. If your submission exceeds this size, even after compression, please send the image individually to the Métis National Council at #4-340 MacLaren Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 0M6. Clearly note in an email that you are sending your submission in the mail. The artwork will be used in a variety of mediums and at the discretion of the MNC.

**\*\*IMPORTANT: The entry must be submitted as a scalable vector graphic in EPS format and as a JPG\*\***

## Prizes for each Category

- **Ages 5 to 12:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: \$100
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$75
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$50
- **Ages 13 to 18:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: \$300
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$200
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$100
- **Ages 19 to 30:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: \$500
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$350
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$300
- **Ages 31 and up:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: \$500
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$350
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$300

**One submission from any category and age group will be chosen  
to be a grand prize winner of \$1,000**

## Contestant Agreement

All submitted work must be original and cannot be based on any pre-existing prayers, poems, artwork, or design. By submitting a prayer, poem, or artwork, the contestant agrees to assign all ownership rights, including copyright and intellectual property rights of the proposed prayer, poem, or artwork to the MNC. All Entries will become the sole property of the MNC and may be displayed publicly on the MNC web site, social media, or in any other forms deemed appropriate by the MNC. The MNC will use the winning entry for the Métis Veterans Legacy Program, and the contestant transfers all rights and titles to the entry to the MNC in accordance with the rules of this Contest. MNC may publish the winning contestant's prayer, poem, artwork, and name and use them for advertising and marketing campaign materials.

Participation constitutes the contestant's full and unconditional agreement to, and acceptance of, the official contest rules. The contest rules can be found at [www.metisveterans.ca](http://www.metisveterans.ca). By participating in the Contest, the contestant represents and warrants they have read, understand, and agree to be bound by the contest rules. Including the guidelines and rules referred to herein, these rules constitute the entire agreement between the contestant and the MNC in relation to the Contest. They govern the contestant's participation and supersede any prior or other agreements between the contestant and the MNC related to the Contest. The MNC reserves the right to award prizes and designate a grand prize winner if, in its sole discretion, no suitable entries are received.

The contestant agrees that the ability to participate in the Contest and to compete for the prize offered in connection with the Contest constitutes, where required, sufficient consideration for the contestant's obligations under these rules. If selected as the winning entry or any of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place categories, MNC will pay the appropriate prize amount and provide public acknowledgement on the MNC website of the contestant's winning prayer, poem, or artwork.

## Eligibility

The Contest is open only to Métis individuals. The Contest is not open to companies, organizations, or groups associated with such institutions. The MVLP of the MNC will serve as the contest judge; therefore, staff and members of their immediate family are not eligible to enter.

Contestants younger than 18 must have the Permission to Participate and Parental Consent Form signed by a parent/legal guardian who is 18 or older.

## Permission to Participate and Parental Consent Form

### Prayer, Poem, & Artwork Contest

As your child is under 18, we request that you complete this form to confirm that you permit your child to enter. The terms of the Contest can be found at [www.Métisveterans.ca](http://www.Métisveterans.ca).

Please carefully read the Contestant Agreement information and this Consent Form before you complete it.

**Please complete and return this form along with the Contest entry.**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the below-mentioned Participant. I hereby authorize my minor child named below to participate in the Contest

Full name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I have read, understand, and agree to the Contest rules on my behalf and behalf of my child.

I confirm that the information given in this parental consent form is complete and accurate.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_