

MOCOMCONLINE ART, COSPLAY AND ESSAY CONTEST RULES & ENTRY FORM

Saturday, January 16, 2021



ART, COSPLAY, & ESSAY CONTEST BASICS

- Entries are due between **November 23 and December 23, 2020.**
- Electronic submissions only. All entries must be submitted to MCPL.MoComCon@montgomerycountymd.gov by deadline.
- You do not need a library card to enter.
- Cosplay contest: top 20 finalists in each age group must be able and willing to appear on camera, speak, and participate in a live Zoom (online/virtual) event on Saturday, January 16, 2021, to determine the top three winners in each category. Cosplayers' screen names will display during Zoom event.
- The top 10 Art Contest entries in each age group will be published for viewing online via the MCPL website. Artists' names will not be released.
- The top three Essay Contest entries in each age group will be published for viewing online via the MCPL website. Essay Contest is for ages 8–14. Author's names will not be released.
- **Deadline** for entries: Saturday, December 23, 2020, 5 PM

ART, COSPLAY, & ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- Create artwork of your favorite character from any fandom, book, television show, or movie, or invent your own original character!
- Create and dress up in a costume of your favorite character from any fandom, book, television show, or movie, or invent your own original character!
- Write an essay, 300–500 words, about the following prompt: In a world of countless fandoms, what makes you THE ULTIMATE FAN? Tell us what you're the fan of, why you're the #1 fan, and what impact it's made on you and your life.
- Artwork, Costumes, and Essays must be suitable for a family environment. No explicit content, images, words, or weapons, including replica and costume pieces.
- Contestants must adhere to all MCPL Guidelines Governing the Use of Public Libraries and Guidelines for Behavior.

- Art and Essay entries must be your own original work.
- Costumes may include some purchased, pre-made components.
- Three age groups in Art and Cosplay contest: Child (ages 0–12), Teen (ages 13–17), and Adult (ages 18+). Essay Contest is for ages 8–14.
- Limit: one Art entry per person.
- Limit: one Cosplay entry per person.
- Limit: one Essay entry per person.
- If entering in more than one category, a separate form must be completed for each entry.
- Before the deadline of 5 PM, Wednesday, December 23, 2020, each entry must be submitted with **ONE** completed electronic entry form for each **ONE** of the following:
 - image of Artwork
 - image of costumed Cosplayer
 - Word or PDF file of Essay

ART, COSPLAY, & ESSAY CONTEST PRIZES:

- Entries in Art, Cosplay, and Essay contests will be judged on creativity, style, and appeal.
- Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age group in each contest.
- Cosplay winners will be selected during a live Zoom event on Saturday, January 16, 2021.
- Cosplay top 20 finalists in each age group will be notified by email or phone prior to MoComCOnline, with instructions on how to participate in the live contest on Saturday, January 16, 2021.
- Cosplay top 20 finalists must participate in the live Zoom event on January 16, 2021 to be eligible for a prize.
- Art & Essay contest finalists and winners will be notified by email or phone prior to MoComCOnline.
- Prizes will be available for contactless pickup at the contestant's selected MCPL library after January 19, 2021
- All judges' decisions are final.

All adult contestants, and all legal guardians of minor contestants, MUST electronically sign this release to participate. (SEE BELOW FOR FULL TERMS)

***Required Fields**

Select only one*:

- Art Contest Entry
- Cosplay Contest Entry
- Essay Contest Entry

Age Group (select only one)*:

- Child (ages 0-12)
- Teen (ages 13-17)
- Adult (ages 18+)

Contestant is a Minor (under age 18)*:

- Yes
- No

First Name of Artist, Cosplayer, or Author*

Last Name of Artist, Cosplayer, or Author*

Title of Artwork, Cosplay Character, or Essay*

Brief description of materials or process used*

Phone #*

Email*

Electronic Signature of Artist/Cosplayer/Author
(or parent/guardian if minor)*

Full Name of Signatory*

Date*

Release for Artwork

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Release Form for Photo or Other Media Recording

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