Media Accreditation – Military Child World Expo 2026

Event Details

Carrying the Torch of Care Breakfast – April 18, 2026 | Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA

Military Child World Expo – April 25, 2026 | Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Independence A & B, Arlington, VA

Showcase of Celebrations – April 26, 2026 | Fashion Centre at Pentagon City (A Simon Mall), Arlington, VA

The Military Child World Expo 2026 (MCWE) Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary is a three-day tribute to military children, caregivers, and families. Accredited media will have access to ceremonies, symposiums, youth-led summits, performances, and opportunities to engage with leaders and participants from around the world.

Who Can Apply

Accreditation is open to:

- Print, broadcast, and online journalists

- Photojournalists and videographers

- Accredited bloggers and digital influencers in military, education, family, and youth sectors

- Media production crews covering news, features, or documentaries

Media Accreditation Benefits

- Complimentary Media Pass for designated MCWE 2026 event days

- Access to the Expo Media Room (Hyatt Regency) with workspace, Wi-Fi, and refreshments

- Reserved seating in Independence A (Main Stage) for keynotes and symposiums

- Photo/video access to select performances and ceremonies (per guidelines)

- Advance press materials, speaker bios, and event schedules

- Opportunities to request interviews with speakers, sponsors, and youth leaders (pre-scheduled)

Media Credential Pick-Up

April 18, 2026: At the Army Navy Country Club for the Caregivers Breakfast | Arlington, VA

April 25, 2026: At the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Independence Level – Media Desk | Arlington, VA

April 26, 2026: At Fashion Centre at Pentagon City (A Simon Mall) | Arlington, VA

- Passes require a government-issued photo ID and accreditation confirmation email

Access Guidelines

- All keynote sessions, symposiums, and public performances are open to accredited media.
- Youth-only workshops in Independence B (Promise of the Six Pavilion) may require special permission for recording or photography.
- Media must follow Expo consent policies when photographing or filming minors.

Photography & Filming Policy

- Media coverage is approved for editorial use only.
- Flash photography permitted only during opening and closing ceremonies.
- Consent required for one-on-one interviews or posed images with children and families.

Media Room

- Location: Hyatt Regency Crystal City – Independence Level
- Open April 25, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Includes Wi-Fi, charging stations, workspace, and refreshments
- Daily press briefing: Starting February 1, 2026 at 9:30 AM with Media Relations team

Code of Conduct

- All accredited media must display credentials at all times.

- Respect privacy of attendees and youth participants.

- Entry to restricted zones is not permitted without prior approval.

- Noncompliance may result in credential revocation.

Post-Event Access

Accredited media may request:

- Approved photos and video highlights

- Event transcripts and press materials

- Follow-up interviews with designated speakers

Media Accreditation Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Outlet/Organization: _____

Position/Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Website/Social Media Handles: _____

Coverage Type (check all that apply):
☐ Print / Magazine
☐ TV / Broadcast
☐ Radio / Podcast
☐ Online / Blog
☐ Photojournalism
☐ Video / Documentary

Events to Cover (check all that apply):
☐ Caregivers Breakfast (April 18)
☐ Military Child World Expo (April 25)
☐ Showcase of Celebrations (April 26)

Additional Requirements:
☐ Interview Requests
☐ Photo/Video Access
☐ Special Equipment Access

Authorization:
I understand that accreditation is subject to approval and agree to comply with MCWE 2026 media guidelines and access rules.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit Accreditation Requests To:
Email: mediarelations@themilitarychildworldexpo.com
Phone: 703-646-8410
Press Room: Hyatt Regency Crystal City – Independence Level