Sergeant Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund, Inc.

Elementary School Student Art Contest (Grades K-5)

AWARDS for Harford County Students (School Year 2025-2026):

***Grades K-5 Artwork*: 1st Place - $300 • 2nd Place - $200 • 3rd Place - $100**

***Plus 10 Honorable Mentions.* All winning students also receive a framed certificate.**

About Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton



Alfred B. Hilton was born in the Hopewell area of Harford County. On September 29, 1864, the 4th Regiment of the United States Colored Troops, with Hilton leading and carrying the National flag, advanced against entrenched Confederate defenses in the Battle of New Market Heights, Virginia. Although almost immediately wounded, Sergeant Hilton nonetheless continued forward, carrying his flag, plus the Regimental standard of a fallen soldier, until he was unable to continue.

Saying "Boys, save the colors!" Sergeant Hilton then passed both standards to Sergeant Fleetwood of the U.S.C.T., and then fell.

He died from his wounds on October 21, 1864, and is buried at the Hampton National Cemetery in Virginia. On April 6, 1865, Sergeant Alfred B. Hilton was posthumously honored with the Medal of Honor for "Gallantry in action as color-bearer."

He is the only Harford County native to be so honored.

CONTEST: Create a drawing based on the story of Sergeant Hilton. Here are instructions:

A. SUBJECT OF DRAWING

Please choose one of these three subject choices for your drawing:



1. **Create a picture or collage** that shows how Sgt. Hilton and the U.S. Colored Troops (the U.S.C.T.) helped make freedom possible for enslaved African Americans.

2. **Tell Sgt. Hilton's story without words** — only pictures — in a way that makes sure people understand his bravery.

3. **Draw a picture that shows** what you think was inside Sgt. Hilton's heart — the heart of a hero — when, carrying the flags as he approached the enemy line, he was wounded, but before falling down, he found Sgt. Fleetwood, and handed him the Regimental Colors and the National Flag.

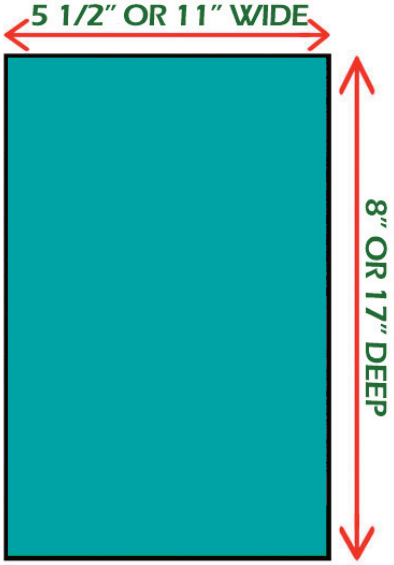
B. SIZE & CONFIGURATION

Please follow THESE SIMPLE DIRECTIONS in creating your artwork:

- You may use ANY medium (crayon, watercolor, etc.), for your artwork, so long as it is COLORFUL.
- Do NOT include ANY words.
- Your design should be either 5 1/2" wide x 8" deep or 11" wide x 17" deep – "Portrait" mode. See "CORRECT DIMENSION & SIZE" picture, at right.
- Please INCLUDE a 1/2" white border area on all sides WITHIN the above measurements.
- The brighter and more colorful your drawing, the better!
- Your name, your age, your grade, the name of your school, teacher and contact information for you MUST be written on the back of the design or attached to its back; the Committee will attempt to return all art.
- Submit your drawing to your Art Teacher.
- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION of DRAWING:**

APRIL 17, 2026

CORRECT DIMENSION & SIZE





FOR MORE INFORMATION about Sgt. Hilton, the U.S.C.T., the battle, the other Medal of Honor recipients, and this contest, please scan this link:

or go to: https://sgtalfredbhiltonfoundation.com

MISSION STATEMENT: The Mission of the Sergeant Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund, Inc., is to preserve his memory, establish a memorial in his honor, educate the public about Harford County's only native Medal of Honor recipient, and highlight the impact of the nearly 185,000 United States Colored Troops who valiantly fought during the Civil War. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** Sergeant Alfred B. Hilton Foundation, P.O. Box 123, Bel Air, MD 21014 • **Web site**: sgtalfredbhiltonfoundation.com • **Facebook**: Facebook.com/SgtAlfredBHiltonFoundation • **E-MAIL**: James Thornton <jthornton@thorwoodreg.com>