



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is Blue Star Museums?

**Blue Star Museums is a program that offers free admission to museums for all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day (5-31-10) through Labor Day (9-6-10).**



### When is it taking place?

Blue Star Museums runs from Memorial Day, May 31 through to Labor Day, September 6, 2010.

### What museums are participating?

**The Health Museum** and more than 600 museums in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are participating in Blue Star Museums. These include children's museums, fine art museums, history and science museums. Some examples are the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas; the California Surf Museum Oceanside, California; the Mission San Luis, a living history site and historic landmark in Tallahassee, Florida; the International Quilt Study Center & Museum at the University of Lincoln – Nebraska; the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois; and the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, New Hampshire.

### Where can I find a full list of all participating museums?

For a full list of participating museums, visit [www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums)

### Who is eligible for free museum admission through Blue Star Museums?

The free admission program is available to active duty military and their immediate family members (), which includes Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and active duty Reserve and active duty National Guard.





### **How do you define an immediate family member?**

Spouse, sibling or child of active duty military or active duty military family member.

### **Which U.S. military ID do I need in order to gain free access?**

Geneva Conventions Common Access Card (CAC) for active duty military personnel or a DD Form 1173 for active duty military family.

### **What if my spouse is deployed? Can my family and I still participate?**

Yes, spouses of deployed military are eligible for Blue Star Museums. Just bring your DD Form 1173 ID for active duty military family members.

### **How many military personnel and/or family members are allowed in for free per visit?**

The military ID holder plus up to **five** immediate family members – spouse, child or sibling of ID holder

### **What if my child is under the age of 10 and doesn't yet have a military ID?**

Children under the age of 10 without military ID are welcome to attend with their parents or siblings who either hold a CAC Geneva Conventions ID or a DD 1173 active duty military family ID

### **Will I receive free entry to special, fee-based exhibits?**

Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program. For questions on particular exhibits or museums, please contact the museum directly.





**Is there a limit on the number of Blue Star Museums I can visit this summer?**

No, there is no limit on the number of participating museums that eligible parties can visit.

**If a museum already offers free admission, can it still participate in Blue Star Museums?**

Museums with free admission are also welcome to join the Blue Star Museums list on the NEA website.

**How can museums join the Blue Star Museums program?**

Museums that wish to participate in Blue Star Museums may contact [bluestarmuseums@arts.gov](mailto:bluestarmuseums@arts.gov), or Nicole Murray at 202-682-5578.

**Who are the national partners on Blue Star Museums?**

Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, an organization which supports military families and increases awareness of the unique challenges of military life.

**To learn more about Blue Star Families, please visit [BlueStarFam.org](http://BlueStarFam.org)**

**To contact The Health Museum:**

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