



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES
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Here we are in the month of October – the days are cooling down; the leaves are changing colors and a hint of winter is around the corner. Students have been back in school for several weeks. Let's reach out to them with our different Youth Activities programs. In this bulletin, I would like to concentrate on two of our programs – **ILLUSTRATING AMERICA** and **GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!**

ILLUSTRATING AMERICA is a terrific way to get students in grades K-8 excited about patriotic artwork. It will be a treat to see what they come up with! Art will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. Entries must be two-dimensional and any media may be used (watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, etc.). It must be on canvas or paper. Canvas entries can be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted in white or reinforced with heavy paper. Art must be original – coloring sheets, digital art and photography will not be accepted. There are both National and Department awards in three grade divisions:

National Awards

Grades K-2 – 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Grades 3-5 – 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Grades 6-8 – 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Department of WI Awards

Grades K-2 – 1st Place: \$75 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20

Grades 3-5 – 1st Place: \$75 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20

Grades 6-8 – 1st Place: \$75 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20



- **Here's an added bonus!** Auxiliaries that promote the **Illustrating America** Contest can fill out a **Youth Activities Award for Auxiliaries No. 1** entry form. Your Auxiliary should go for it! Every Auxiliary that fills out an entry form will receive a National Citation (and you may win one of four \$25 awards!). Auxiliaries must send their entry form to me by March 31, 2022.

In the **GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!** contest, our boys and girls will get a chance to sing! This year, individual youth in grades K-12 can participate in our national anthem singing contest. This contest provides a fantastic opportunity for youth to demonstrate their patriotism and creativity. Their video entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value. Contestants need to state their name and age prior to their vocal performance. They may sing a solo rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" in the style of their choice – rock, pop, reggae, R&B, hip-hop, country, classical or another musical genre. It can be sung a cappella, with backing tracks or instruments. However, they may NOT change the words! There are both National and Department awards in two grade divisions:



National Awards

Grades K-8 – 1st Place: \$500 / 2nd Place: \$300 / 3rd Place: \$200

Grades 9-12 – 1st Place: \$500 / 2nd Place: \$300 / 3rd Place: \$200

Department of WI Awards

Grades K-8 – 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Grades 9-12 – 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

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Check out the Youth Activities Program Page on our Department website (www.wivfwaux.org) or on the National site (vfwauxiliary.org/resources) for copies of the rules, entry forms, judges scoring sheet, flyers, media releases, etc. The deadline for entries for both contests to reach your local Auxiliary is March 31, 2022. Local first place winners must reach me by April 15, 2022. You'll also find the **Youth Activities Award for Auxiliaries No. 1** entry form on these sites.

NOTE: Please remind your students to read the rules carefully. Unfortunately, we had to disqualify a few entries last year because they did not follow all the directions.

I hope that your Auxiliary will find a way to reach out to the youth in your area and encourage them to showcase their artistic and vocal talent while promoting their patriotism!

“Don’t FUDGE on Care for Veterans” while “Soaring Above & Beyond”.

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