

YOUTH ACTIVITIES OCTOBER 2023 PROMOTION #3

Illustrating America Art Contest is a patriotic art contest for Grades K-8 and is open to all youth enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. Military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. It is to introduce and encourage young artists to express patriotism through art. The artists do not have to be related to VFW or VFW Auxiliary members. When reading a book on Patriotism through Literacy, it can be a good activity to help enforce the concept of patriotism with the youth by having them draw about something they have heard. The contest is grouped into three divisions, with Awards for Grades K-2, Grades 3-5 and for Grades 6-8.

You may get the entry forms and instructions by going to the National website at: info@vfwauxiliary.org. The entries should be turned into a participating Auxiliary no later than **March 31, 2024**, where they will be judged and one entry from each Auxiliary will be sent to District and then to Department. National will then decide on the first, second and third place winners in each division. These winning entries will be displayed at the National Convention.

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest is for Grades 9-12. This is a VFW Auxiliary National Scholarship for students who wish to further their education by recognizing young artists and encourages patriotism in youth. It is open to all students in Grades 9-12 in public, private, parochial, or home school programs in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. The students do not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate.

The VFW Auxiliary National Scholarships are for:

First place - \$2,500

Second place - \$1,500

Third place - \$1000

Fourth place - \$500

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Get the information out to the schools and any other places that our youth attend. We **want a California Winner!**

Don't forget to see if any classroom teacher may need some assistance in acquiring supplies or other items for their classroom. A book on Patriotism would be a good place to start.

Thank you to those Auxiliaries that have already made a report. Let's make sure **ALL** our Auxiliaries make 100% in Youth Activities reporting!

Yours In Friendship,
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