

YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT

March is here and there are **deadlines** to be met.

Youth Activities National Program Award – VFW Auxiliaries must send the completed entry form to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2026, for Judging.

Illustrating America – Deadlines: Entries received by the local Auxiliary – **March 31, 2026.**

I must receive them by April 15, 2026, as I must have them judged and in the mail to National by **May 5, 2026.** Set up your judges and the date for your entries to be judged now so there are no delays.

Again, please mail entries to me:

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Please send me an email with ANY entries being mailed to me so I can watch out for them. I will let you know when I have received them.

Remember to hand out Certificates of Recognition Youth Illustrating Art America. You can find them on Malta under Resources – Youth Activities or on the Department website under Youth Activities.

Youth Citations – Now is the time to start gathering information to recognize all the youth and youth groups that have helped your Auxiliary this year. Those citations can be found on Malta and the Department websites We must make the effort and time to recognize the Youth as they are the future of America.

Patriotism through Literacy – Please continues to promote this program all year long. You can hit up the libraries during the summer, hold reading groups, and promote it at festivals, Farmers Markets. Etc.

REPORTS – APRIL 15, 2026, is fast approaching. That is the last day for your reports to be submitted to count for the 2025 – 2026 year. Do not wait until the last minute to do your reports. The more information included in them the better. It helps when it comes to awards in the divisions and in reports for National.