



VFW Auxiliary National Scholarship Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest 2026-2027

Check off list for Auxiliary, District and Department level judging.

Contest Eligibility

- ☐ Student is not a previous winner (scholarship recipient) of VFW Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest on the national level.
- ☐ Student is in grade 9-12 by the March 31st deadline.
- ☐ Student is enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home school program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- ☐ Student is not a foreign exchange student.
- ☐ Student is not aged 20 or older.
- ☐ Student is has not received their GED.
- ☐ Student is not an adult education student.
- ☐ Although U.S. citizenship is not required, student is a lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent resident (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen.

Contest Rules

- ☐ Entry is original and created by the student.
- ☐ Entry is not a copy of and/or has not traced another work of art.
- ☐ Entry was completed during the current school year.
- ☐ Entry is two-dimensional art that has length, width and is flat.
- ☐ Entry is on canvas or paper.
- ☐ If canvas entry, it is submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
- ☐ If paper entry, it is reinforced with heavy paper, cardboard or foamboard.
- ☐ Entry is not framed with wood, metal, plastic or glass. Mats may be used, including mounted and floating mats.
- ☐ Entry is not smaller than 8"x10".
- ☐ Entry is not larger than 18"x24" **including** mat.
- ☐ If the American Flag is used, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, numbers of stars and stripes and other pertinent rules of the code.
- ☐ Entry is not digital art, AI or photography.
- ☐ Entry includes a completed typed or printed legible entry form in English.
- ☐ Entry form has student and parent and/or guardian signatures.
- ☐ Entry includes a typed or printed legible artist statement (no more than 250 words) explaining the work and thematic relevance in English.
- ☐ Entry includes one photo of completed work of art.
- ☐ Entry has student name on back of art entry.