

# YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

## ELIGIBILITY

- Students in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen.

## ART CONTEST RULES

- Entry must be completed during the current school year.
- Complete contest application and attach to back of entry.
  - Also attach a typed explanation of the entry (250 words or less).
- Parent/guardian signature required on contest application.
- If the American Flag is used, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, number of stars and stripes and other pertinent rules of the code.
- Digital art, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.

## TWO-DIMENSIONAL SUBMISSIONS

- Art must be on canvas or paper.
- Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used.
- Do not frame two-dimensional pieces.
- Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries, if matted, must be matted in white. Do not use color mats. Reinforce the back with heavy paper. Mounted and floating mats may also be used.
- Art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.

## STUDENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring VFW Auxiliary by March 31. Entries submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will be returned.

## JUDGING AND AUXILIARY DEADLINES

Entry will be judged on the originality of concept, presentation and patriotism expressed; content of how it relates to patriotism and clarity of ideas; design technique; total impact of work.

Those selected to judge the contest on all levels will be teachers, professionals and persons knowledgeable about art. Comments of local and state judges will be attached to and forwarded with the art.

One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to Department (state) judging.

- APRIL 15: Local VFW Auxiliary winners due to Department (state) Scholarships Chairman for judging.

One winner from each Department (state) advances to National judging.

- MAY 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
- JULY: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners judged.

Students may enter both contests in the same Program Year, but must complete an application form for each.

FIND THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM AT [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).



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Scholarship contests that recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.  
[vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org)

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## SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

The first-place winner from each state competes for National awards totaling \$34,000.

FIRST PLACE	\$15,000
SECOND PLACE	\$7,500
THIRD PLACE	\$3,500
FOURTH-FIFTH PLACE	\$1,500
SIXTH-SEVENTH PLACE	\$1,000
EIGHTH-THIRTEENTH PLACE	\$500



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A VFW Auxiliary National Scholarship

## Contest Entry Form

Please **print** or complete fillable form at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) and attach to back of entry with a typed explanation of the entry (250 words or less).

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Media used: \_\_\_\_\_

*State the source of your idea for entry: person, website, magazine, TV, newspaper, etc. To comply with copyright laws, all artwork must be original to the entrant. Artwork may be inspired by other artist's/photographer's work, but not to the degree that the new piece of artwork is easily recognized as being derivative of other artist's work. If another artist's/photographer's work is used as a source of inspiration or reference, a copy of the work must be provided along with the name and date of publication in which it was found. Any artwork that is recognized as being in violation of these rules will be disqualified.*

Student Signature: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*I hereby grant permission for my artwork to be published in the VFW Auxiliary Magazine and on the VFW Auxiliary website and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW Store if I win one of the top National awards.*

To acquire contact information and application assistance in your state please email [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org)

**This section to be filled out by VFW Auxiliary at each judging level.**

**National Headquarters only accepts Department level winners.**

Any other entries received at National Headquarters will be disqualified and returned to student after National judging.

Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Auxiliary Judging deadline date March 31.

Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Artwork is the property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.*

VFW Auxiliary Department Judging deadline date April 15.

Department Scholarships Chairman verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Final Level** - Department first-place entry must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by **May 5** or it will be disqualified.  
ATTN: Program Awards Administrator