



# Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

A VFW Auxiliary National Scholarship  
for eligible students in grades 9-12

## 2023-2024

The VFW National Auxiliary is pleased to present this National Scholarship to assist students who wish to further their education. This scholarship contest recognizes young artists and encourages patriotism in youth. Entries will be judged on originality of concept, presentation and patriotism expressed, content of how it relates to patriotism and clarity of ideas, design technique, total impact of work.

### Contest Eligibility

- Students in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline who are 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.
- 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 intends to become a U.S. citizen.
- Student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate.
- Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students, or National winners of previous Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests are **NOT** eligible.

### Contest Rules

- Entry must be completed during the current school year.
- Art must be two dimensional.
- Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used.
- Entry must be on canvas or paper.
- Do not frame two-dimensional pieces art.
- 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.
- Entry may not be smaller than 8" x 10" and not larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.
- Complete contest entry form and submit with entry.
- Complete typed explanation of the entry (250 words or less) and submit with entry.
- Parent or guardian signature required on contest entry form.
- 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 and photography are not accepted.

### VFW Auxiliary National Scholarships

First place - \$15,000

Second place - \$7,500

Third place - \$3,500

Fourth and Fifth place - \$1,500

Sixth and Seventh place - \$1,000

Eighth through Nineteenth place - \$500

*VFW Auxiliary is not responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected entries. All scores are final as received from the judges. Falsifying information on the entry form is reason for immediate disqualification. All contestants agree to abide by the contest rules. Any violation of these rules shall be cause for immediate disqualification and forfeiture of award.*

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

### VFW Auxiliary judging and deadlines:

- **March 31:** Student entries must be submitted to a participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary for judging.
- **April 15:** One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to the VFW Auxiliary District (optional) then Department (state) for judging.
- **May 5:** VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters for judging.
- **July/August:** Students will be notified of entry status via email provided on entry form. First through twelfth place winners named on VFW Auxiliary social media pages and displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.
- **September:** Art will be returned to address on entry form.

**Scholarships are paid directly to the American college, vocational, technical or trade school of the winners' choice.**



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## 2023-2024 Contest Entry Form

Please **print** or complete fillable form at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) and submit with entry along with a typed explanation of 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.*

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### Sponsoring/Participating VFW Auxiliary Contact or VFW Auxiliary Department Contact information:

Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Representative Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Entries received at National Headquarters that are not from the Department will be disqualified.

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

**March 31:** Student entries must be submitted to a participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary for judging.

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.*

**April 15:** One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to the VFW Auxiliary District (optional) then Department (state) for judging.

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