Illustrating America

An art contest for students in grades 1-8.

CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all students in grades 1-8 who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home study program in the United States.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.
- Does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.

CONTEST RULES

- Art must be two-dimensional.
- Art must be on canvas or paper.
- Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, glitter or other media may be used.
- Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames or canvas board; other entries must be matted on white or reinforced with heavy paper.
- The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.
- **Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are not accepted.**

NATIONAL AWARDS

Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
First place: $100 gift card	First place: $100 gift card	First place: $100 gift card
Second place: $50 gift card	Second place: $50 gift card	Second place: $50 gift card
Third place: $25 gift card	Third place: $25 gift card	Third place: $25 gift card

STUDENT DEADLINES

March 31: Student entry deadline to VFW Auxiliary.*

JUDGING AND AUXILIARY DEADLINES

Entry will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. If the American Flag is used, it **DOES NOT** need to conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors or number of stars and stripes.

One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to District judging (if applicable).
April 10: Local VFW Auxiliary and District judging complete.

One winner from each District (if applicable) advances to Department judging.
April 15: Local VFW Auxiliary and District (if applicable) winners to Department (state) Youth Activities Chairman for judging.*

One winner from each Department advances to National judging.
May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.*
July: First through third place winners named in each of the three grade categories and displayed at National Convention.
** required deadlines*

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CONTEST ENTRY FORM Please print or complete fillable form at www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities.

STUDENT NAME _____ AGE _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

MEDIA USED IN ENTRY (e.g. colored pencil, crayon, watercolor, etc.) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Teacher or supervisory adult's signature verifying that the entry was done by the student listed above.

TEACHER OR PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

I hereby grant permission of the artwork by the student listed above to be published in VFW Auxiliary Magazine, on the VFW Auxiliary website and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW Store if named a winner one of the top national awards.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

ARTWORK NOT SPONSORED BY A LOCAL VFW AUXILIARY WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT BEING JUDGED.

SPONSORED BY VFW AUXILIARY # _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

DATE JUDGED _____ VFW AUXILIARY YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

DISTRICT JUDGING *(Optional)*
DATE JUDGED _____ DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

DEPARTMENT JUDGING
DATE JUDGED _____ DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

Department first-place entry must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by May 5 or it will be disqualified.
Mail to: 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

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