

CONTEST RULES

Art must be on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil may be used. Digital art may be used but must be on paper or canvas...No discs will be accepted. When submitting computer/digital art, be aware that all images need to be original: i.e., do not scan in or otherwise use photographs or art created by others; all images incorporated must be the artist's own and not lifted from publications or outside sources.

Do not frame! Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames. Other entries must be matted on white. Do not use color mats. In matting, use heavy paper to reinforce back. Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.

Be sure to complete entry form and attach to back of entry. Note that you must be sponsored by a Ladies Auxiliary or a foreign-based Auxiliary or Post.

Package art so that it can be mailed without being damaged.

If you use the American Flag in your entry — it must conform to the Federal Flag Code as far as color, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code. (You can get a copy of the code from your Ladies Auxiliary VFW or local library.)

Entry must have been done during the current School Year — note that you must have your teacher's signature. Each student may submit only one entry.

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

SPECIAL NOTE

National winners of the past contests may not compete in future Ladies Auxiliary VFW Patriotic Art Contests.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Students must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring Ladies Auxiliary. Home-schooled students are eligible; foreign exchange students are not.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10,000	First Place
\$5,000	Second Place
\$2,500	Third Place
\$1,500	Fourth Place
\$500	Fifth - Eighth Place

FIRST PRIZE includes a plaque and airfare plus two nights' lodging to attend the Ladies Auxiliary National Convention. The first-place art will be featured on the cover of the *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine* and on the Auxiliary Web site.

Second and third place will be featured in the *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine* and on the Web site. Fourth through eighth place will be featured on the Web site only.

The winning entries will be held until September, so they can be displayed at the Auxiliary National Convention. They will be returned directly to the students.

DEADLINE

Student Deadline

March 31. Participants must submit entries to the Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman by this date. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary will be sent to the Department Youth Activities Chairman for judging.

District Judging

(Optional) If held, the District winners must meet the Department deadline for judging.

Department Judging

Ladies Auxiliary or District entries must be received by the Department Youth Activities Chairman by April 15!

National Deadline

Department entries in the National Contest must be received at Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 by **May 5!** Only the first-place Department winner is eligible for the national competition. (This means a total of 51 are eligible, one from every state and the District of Columbia.)

JUDGES

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

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Young American



Creative Patriotic Art Awards



Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards

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Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Address _____
School _____ Grade _____
E-mail Address _____ Date Art Completed _____
Teacher's Signature verifying that the entry was done by you: _____
Teacher's Address _____
Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____

I hereby grant permission for my artwork to be published in the *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine* and on the Auxiliary Web site if I win one of the top national awards.

(Student's Signature)

State the source of your idea for entry: magazine, TV, newspaper, etc. (Reference can be used, however, the entry should not be identical to the art used for reference. 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 the 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.)

Media Used in Entry _____

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PATRIOTISM EXPRESSED IN ART:

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary VFW # _____ City _____ State _____

Date Judged _____ Signed by Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature _____

DISTRICT JUDGING (Optional)

Date Judged _____ Signed by District Youth Activities Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature _____

DEPARTMENT JUDGING

Date Judged _____ Signed by Department Youth Activities Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature _____

Department first-place art must be received at the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters,
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111, for National Judging by May 5 or it will be disqualified.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarships

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary VFW

(Must be attached to back of entry)