

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 and photography are not accepted.**

Do not frame! Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames or canvas board. **Other entries must be matted on white.** Do not use other 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 VFW Auxiliary
- Entry may be signed by the student

Packages 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.

Entry must have been done during the current school year—note that you must have your teacher's or supervisory adult'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.

Eligibility

Students must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Students must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary. Home-schooled students are eligible; foreign-exchange students are not. Students must be a maximum of 18 years of age at the time of local entry, and they must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

National winners of the past contests may not compete in future Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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Deadlines

Student Deadline

March 31. Participants must submit entries to a local VFW Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman by this date. The first-place winner from each VFW Auxiliary will be sent to the Department Scholarships Chairman for judging.

District Judging

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

Department Judging

VFW Auxiliary or District entries must be received by the Department Scholarships Chairman by April 15!

National Deadline

Department entries in the National Contest must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, 10th floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 by May 5! **Only the first-place Department winner is eligible for the national competition. The Department winners will be judged at the National Convention.**

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 and forwarded with the art.

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Creative Patriotic Art Awards



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CONTEST APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Name _____ Age _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____

Email Address _____ Date Art Completed _____

Teacher's or Supervisory Adult's Signature verifying that the entry was done by you _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____

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.

(Student Signature)

State the source of your idea for entry: 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 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.

Source _____ Media used in entry (e.g., colored pencil, oil paint) _____

PLEASE ATTACH A TYPED EXPLANATION OF PATRIOTISM EXPRESSED IN ART

(150 Words or Fewer)

Artwork not sponsored by a local VFW Auxiliary will be returned without being judged.

Sponsored by VFW Auxiliary # _____ City _____ State _____

Date Judged _____ Signed by VFW Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature (Required) _____

DISTRICT JUDGING (Optional)

Date Judged _____ Signed by District Scholarships Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature (Required) _____

DEPARTMENT JUDGING

Date Judged _____ Signed by Department Scholarships Chairman _____

Chairman of Judges' Signature (Required) _____

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