

## 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 is not accepted.**

**Do not frame!** Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames. **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 Ladies Auxiliary or a foreign-based Ladies 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.

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.

## 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 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

**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 website.

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

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

## Deadlines

### Student Deadline

March 31: Participants must submit entries to a local Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships Chairman by this date. The first-place winner from each Ladies 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

Ladies 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 Ladies Auxiliary VFW 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 (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 and forwarded with the art.

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## CONTEST APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date Art Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher'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 Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine and on the Ladies Auxiliary website and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the Ladies 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 artists/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

**Non-sponsored artwork will be returned without being judged.**

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date Judged \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by Ladies 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 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.