

# YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

## ELIGIBILITY

- Students in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study 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 intend to become a U.S. citizen.

## ART CONTEST RULES

- Entry must be completed during the current school year.
- Complete contest application and attach to back of entry.  
» Also attach a typed explanation of the entry (250 words or less).
- Parent/guardian signature required on contest application.
- 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, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.

## TWO-DIMENSIONAL SUBMISSIONS

- Art must be on canvas or paper.
- Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used.
- Do not frame two-dimensional pieces.
- 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.
- Art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.

## STUDENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring VFW Auxiliary by March 31. Entries submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will be returned.

## JUDGING AND AUXILIARY DEADLINES

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

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

**One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to Department (state) judging.**

- **APRIL 15:** Local VFW Auxiliary winners due to Department (state) Scholarships Chairman for judging.

**One winner from each Department (state) advances to National judging.**

- **MAY 5:** VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
- **JULY:** VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners judged.

Students may enter both contests in the same Program Year, but must complete an application form for each.

**FIND THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM AT**  
[vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).

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## SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

The first-place winner from each state competes for National awards totaling \$34,000.

FIRST PLACE	\$15,000
SECOND PLACE	\$7,500
THIRD PLACE	\$3,500
FOURTH-FIFTH PLACE	\$1,500
SIXTH-SEVENTH PLACE	\$1,000
EIGHTH-THIRTEENTH PLACE	\$500



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