

# YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

## CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

- Students in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial, or home school 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.
- Student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate.
- Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students, or National winners of previous (two-dimensional) Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests are NOT eligible.

## CONTEST RULES

- Entry must be completed during the current school year.
- Entry must be two-dimensional.
- Entry must be on canvas or heavy paper.
- Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Mats, including mounted and floating mats, may be used.
- Reinforce the back with heavy paper. Do not frame art with wood, metal, plastic or glass.
- Complete contest entry form and submit with entry.
- Entries may not be smaller than 8" x 10" and not larger than 18" x 24," (INCLUDING mat).
- Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used.
- Complete typed explanation (artist statement) of art (total of 250 words or less) and submit with entry.
- Parent or guardian signature required on contest entry form.
- 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 and photography are NOT accepted.

## JUDGING

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.

## VFW AUXILIARY DEADLINES

- **March 31:** Student entries must be submitted to a participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary. (District judging optional.)
- **April 15:** One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to the VFW Auxiliary Department (state).
- **May 5:** VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
- **July/August:** Students will be notified of entry status via email provided on entry form. First- through 12<sup>th</sup>-place winners displayed at National Convention; all Department winners shown on VFW Auxiliary social media.
- **September:** Art will be returned to address on entry form.

### VFW Auxiliary National Scholarships

First place - \$15,000  
Second place - \$7,500  
Third place - \$3,500  
Fourth and Fifth place - \$1,500  
Sixth and Seventh place - \$1,000  
Eighth through Nineteenth place - \$500

Students may enter both two-dimensional and three-dimensional contests in the same Program Year but must complete an entry form for each.

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

## STUDENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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

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2-DIMENSIONAL

# 3-DIMENSIONAL PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

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- Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students, or National winners of previous 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contests are NOT eligible.

## CONTEST RULES

- Entry must be completed during the current school year.
- Entry must be three-dimensional.
- Art can be paper, papier mâché, pottery, sculpture, fabric, wood, metalwork, etc.
- Entries may not be larger than 18" in any direction.
- Entries may not weigh more than 5 pounds.
- Complete contest entry form and submit with entry.
- Complete typed explanation of the steps taken to create the three-dimensional art entry/artist statement (total of 250 words or less) and submit with entry.
- Parent or guardian signature required on contest entry form.
- 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, three-dimensional laser-printed art, weapons and jewelry are NOT accepted.

## JUDGING

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.

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- **September:** Art will be returned to address on entry form.

### VFW Auxiliary National Scholarships

First place - \$2,500  
Second place - \$1,500  
Third place - \$1,000  
Fourth place - \$500

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