



Post 392

The last of the Scholarships offered by either the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the VFW Auxiliary are coming towards the end for entries.

Continuing Education Scholarship for 2023-2024:

This program is for existing Auxiliary members; their spouses or children are welcome to enter. The deadline is February 15, 2024. Applicants must be 21 years old or older by the application deadline date of February 15th. The Auxiliary member must be a member for at least one full year prior to the Application Deadline. Previous Continuing Education winners are not eligible. If selected, this \$1250.00 scholarship shall be used in the academic year following the deadline of February 15, 2024. The scholarship will be paid directly to the American college/university or vocational/technical school of the awardee's choice. The application can be found on the VFW Auxiliary website. Questions 1-8 must be answered on a separate piece of paper. Please provide typed answers to each question. All questions must be answered for the application to be considered. Applications and all needed information must be sent to:

Program Awards Administrator,
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

or emailed to: info@vfwauxiliary.org with the subject line: Continuing Education Scholarship Application. A brief essay of No More than 300 words describing your commitment to your goals and how this scholarship will help you attain these goals. Essays longer than 300 words will not be accepted.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest:

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 permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence status (the application for which has not been denied) to become a U.S. citizen.

Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students, or national winners of previous Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests are ineligible. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling

\$37,000.

Two-dimensional art must be on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media taught 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.

The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.

Complete entry form and attach to back of entry.

Submit a typed explanation of patriotism expressed in art (250 words or less).

Deadlines are:

- March 31: Student Entry Deadline to VFW Auxiliary.
- April 15: VFW Auxiliary winners due to Department (state) Scholarships Chairman for judging.
- May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) Winners to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest:

- 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 permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence status (the application for which has not been denied) to become a U.S. citizen.
- Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students are ineligible.

The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$5,500.

- Three-dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, fabric, etc.
- Pieces should be no larger than 18" in any direction.
- Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight.
- Complete entry form and submit with entry.
- Submit a typed explanation of steps taken to create three-dimensional art/artists statement (total of 250 words or less).
- Deadlines:

March 31: Student Entry Deadline to VFW Auxiliary.

April 15: VFW Auxiliary winners due to Department (state) Scholarships Chairman for judging.

May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) Winners to VFW Auxiliary National

Headquarters.

Digital art, photography, weapons, 3-D printed art and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED for either contest.

Entry forms, information forms for both programs can be found at vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/ or email suesowers46@gmail.com and forms will be sent to you. Please specify which contest you are interested in entering. You can enter both contests if you desire to try. Each program must have its own entry form.

Youth Activities Programs:

The VFW Auxiliary is offering the 'Illustrating America Art Contest'. This is a patriotic art contest for elementary and middle/junior high school students that encourages students' artistic abilities and rewards their hard work. It's fun to see how our youth see the world through their drawings and paintings.

- The contest consists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. There are National awards for first, second and third place in each grade division.
- Entry forms can be found on the vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships or from suesowers46@gmail.com.

Contest Eligibility:

Students in grades K-8 by the March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial 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 intends to become a U.S. citizen.

Domestic and Foreign exchange students age 15 or older are ineligible.

Student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate.

National grade division winners of previous Illustrating America contests may enter the subsequent grade division but are ineligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous national winner.

Contest Rules

Entry must be completed during the current school year.

Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, glitter, marker or other media may be used.

Entry must be two dimensional

Do not frame art mats.

Reinforce the back with heavy paper.

Mounted and floating mats may also be used.

Entries may not be smaller than 8" x 10" and not larger than 18" x 24", not including mat. Complete contest entry form and submit with art entry.

Parent or guardian signature required on contest entry form.

If the American Flag is used, it DOES NOT need to conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors or numbers of stars and stripes.

Coloring sheets, digital art and photography and are NOT accepted.

VFW AUXILIARY NATIONAL AWARDS:

Awards for Grades K-2	Awards for Grades 3-5	Awards for Grades 6-8
First place: \$100 gift card	First place: \$100 gift card	First place: \$100 gift card
Second: Place: \$50 gift card	Second: Place: \$50 gift card	Second: Place: \$50 gift card
Third Place: \$25 gift card	Third Place: \$25 gift card	Third Place: \$25 gift card

VFW Auxiliary is not responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected entries. All scores are final as received from the judges. Falsifying information on the entry form is reason for immediate disqualification and forfeiture of the award.

mediate disqualification. All contestants agree to abide by the contest rules. Any violation of these rules shall be cause for immediate disqualification and forfeiture of award.

To acquire contact information and application assistance in your state please email info@vfwauxiliary.org

One winner in each grade division from each VFW Auxiliary advances to the VFW Auxiliary District (optional) then Department (state) for judging.

VFW Auxiliary judging and deadlines:

March 31, 2024: Student entries must be to a participating VFW Auxiliary.

April 15, 2024: One winner in each Grade division from each VFW Auxiliary advances to the VFW Auxiliary District (optional) then Department (state)

May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners in each grade division due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.

July/August: Students will be notified of entry status via email provided on entry form.

First through third place winners in each grade division named on VFW Auxiliary social media pages and displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

September: All art entries will be returned to address on entry form.

The second Youth Activity Program is a VFW Auxiliary National Singing Contest and is called 'Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!' for students in grades K-12. It is a video solo vocal performance of 'The Star-Spangled Banner'.

Contest Eligibility

- Open to students in grades K-12 by the March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial 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 intends 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 and students aged 20 or older are ineligible.
- National grade division winners of previous Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! students may enter the subsequent grade division but are ineligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous National winner.

Contest Rules

- One entry per contestant.
- Video of contestant's solo vocal performance of The Star-Spangled Banner must be recorded between July 1, 2023 and March 31 2024.
- Video must be a recorded live unedited version.
- Student shall state name, age and grade level prior to vocal performance.
- Student may sing a cappella, with backing tracks or instruments.
- Student may sing in the arrangement and genre of their choice.
- Student may NOT change the words.
- Student may NOT lip sync.
- Complete and sign contest entry form. Parent/Guardian signature required on entry form.
- Video must be saved on a media platform of the VFW Auxiliary choice and submitted with a completed entry form for judging.

VFW Auxiliary National Awards

Grades K-8 Grades 9- 12

First place: \$500 gift card First place: \$500 gift card

Second place: \$300 gift card Second place: \$300 gift card

Third place: \$200 gift card Third place: \$200 gift card

VFW Auxiliary is not responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected or poor-quality video entries. All scores are final as received from the judges. Falsifying information on the entry form reason for immediate disqualification. All contestants agree to abide by the contest rules. Any violation of these rules shall be cause for immediate disqualification and forfeiture of award. To acquire contact information and application assistance in your state please email info@vfwauxiliary.org.

VFW Auxiliary judging and deadlines

- March 31: Student entries must be submitted to a participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.
- April 15: One winner from each grade division from each VFW Auxiliary advances to the VFW Auxiliary District (optional) then Department (state) for judging. •
- May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners from each grade division due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters for judging.
- July/August: Students will be notified of winners via the email address provided on the entry form. First through third place winners in each of the two grade divisions on VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters social media pages and shown at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

For entry forms and rules, please email luvdale88@verizon.net or email suesowers46@gmail.com or vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/ Mail entries to: VFW Auxiliary, Post 392, 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

Submitted by: Sue C. Sowers, Scholarship Chairperson