

Youth Activities

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The VFW Auxiliary is in a unique position to help teach our youth the skills to become responsible adults through serving our country, communities and veterans. We have a new generation of veterans who need the support of family, friends and country as they serve overseas and when they come home from conflicts abroad. Today's youth are the future of our nation.

Get Exited for the Red, White and Blue: This is an individual National Anthem singing contest open to all youth between the ages of 6 – 16 years at the time of local entry and an U.S. citizen or U.S. National. It will be judged on vocal ability, rhythm and tempo, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value. The Department first-place winner will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. Please see brochure and entry form at **vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities** for contest rules and more details on requirements. Youth must record a video of their singing the National Anthem “The Star-Spangled Banner” in the style of their choice: rock, pop, reggae, R&B, hip-hop, country, classical or another musical genre. However, they **cannot** change the words!

Auxiliary Deadline: March 31, 2021.

District Judging: Optional (must meet Department deadline)

Department Deadline must be received by April 15, 2021.

National Deadline must be received by May 5, 2021.

National Awards:

One winner in each of the 10 National Program Divisions will win \$100.00 and one overall winner will be chosen from the 10 National Program Divisions will win \$1,000.00.

Department Awards:

First Place \$25.00, Second Place \$15.00, Third Place \$10.00

Patriotism through Literacy: Promote and support reading among youth with simple, fun and potentially free (use school and local library) initiative. Introduce youth to historical figures and teach them about events in our Nation's history while fostering a love of reading and can lead to a lifetime of learning. I will try to have a list of books for different age groups in General Orders or will email to any that may want a copy.

Illustrating America: is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades K thru 8 at time of local entry and a U.S. citizen or U.S. National. It is to be two-dimensional on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil,

marker glitter or other media may be used. Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames or canvas board; other entries must be matted on white. **DO NOT USE COLORED MATS.** See contest rules at www.vfeauxiliary.org Youth Activities for further instructions. **COLORING SHEETS, DIGITAL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** Art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.

National Awards Grade K-2; Grades 3-5; Grades 6-8

First Place: \$100.00 gift card

Second Place: \$50.00 gift card

Third Place: \$25.00 gift card

Department Awards Grade K-2; Grades 3-5; Grades 6-8

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National Winners First thru Third in each category will be named and displayed at National Convention in July 2021

AUXILIARY AWARDS:

1. \$10.00 and citation to the Auxiliary in each membership group for Most Outstanding promotion of the "Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue" National Anthem singing contest.
2. \$5.00 and citation to the runner-up Auxiliary in each membership group for Most Outstanding promotion of the "Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue" National Anthem singing contest.
3. \$10.00 and citation to the Auxiliary in each membership group for Most Outstanding promotion of Illustrating America for grades K-8 contest.
4. \$5.00 and citation to the runner-up Auxiliary in each membership group Most Outstanding promotion of Illustrating America for grades K-8 contest.

DISTRICT AWARDS:

1. Citation and special gift to the District Chairman for the Most Outstanding promotion of the "Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue" National Anthem singing contest.
2. Citation and special gift to the District Chairman for the Most Outstanding promotion of Illustrating America for grades K-8 contest.

Copies of promotions and/or pictures of presentations needed for judging awards.

District Youth Activities Chairmen	
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Youth Activities
2020-2021 YEAR END REPORT

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MUST be postmarked by April 1, 2021

Date Received _____ Date Postmarked _____

Membership Group (circle) A: 10-42 B: 43-92 C: 93 -plus

Auxiliary Name: _____ Number: _____

City: _____ District: _____

Membership as of 06/30/2020: _____

Chairman Signature: _____

President Signature: _____

1. Number of Youth Groups that Auxiliaries worked with during the year: _____
Estimated number of youths involved: _____

2. Did you promote and/or participated with youth groups Supporting our Veterans? _____
Citations: _____

3. Number of Youth recognized by your Auxiliary with a Patriotic Youth Award: _____

4. Did you promote and/or participate in Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue: _____
Number of entries: _____

5. Did you promote and/or participate in Patriotism through Literacy: _____

6. Did you promote and/or participate in Illustrating America: _____
Number of entireties: _____

7. Did you use media to promote Youth Activities projects and/or programs in the
community: _____

What media was used? (Check all that apply)

TV _____ Radio _____ Newspapers _____ Facebook/Social Media _____ Fliers _____