

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards

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New Award Amounts

Expanded art forms now accepted!

Contest Rules

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 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.

Three dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, etc. Pieces should be no smaller than 8" in any direction and no larger than 24" in any direction. Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight. **Digital art, photography and jewelry are not accepted.**

- Be sure to complete entry form and attach to back of entry.
- Note that you must be sponsored by a VFW Auxiliary.
- Entry may be signed by the student.

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 or supervisory adult's signature. Each student may submit only one entry.

Eligibility

Students must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Students must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary. Home-schooled students are eligible; foreign-exchange students are not. Students must be a maximum of 18 years of age at the time of local entry, and they must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

National winners of the past contests may not compete in future Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

\$15,000	\$10,000	First Place
\$7,500	\$5,000	Second Place
\$3,500	\$2,500	Third Place
\$1,500		Fourth Place
\$500		Fifth – Eighth Place

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Deadlines

Student Deadline

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

VFW 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 VFW Auxiliary 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. The Department winners will be judged at the National Convention.**

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.

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.

