

# Illustrating America

## An art contest for students in grades K-8.

### CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

- Open to students in grades K-8 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.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.
- Student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate.
- Foreign exchange students and students age 15 or older are ineligible.
- 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

- Art must be two-dimensional.
- Art must be 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 a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted in white or reinforced with heavy paper.**
- The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.

#### Grades K-2

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

#### Grades 3-5

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

#### Grades 6-8

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

### STUDENT DEADLINE

**March 31: Student entries must be submitted to a local VFW Auxiliary.\***  
Entries not sponsored by a local VFW Auxiliary will be returned without being judged.

### JUDGING AND AUXILIARY DEADLINES

Entry will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. If the American Flag is used, it **DOES NOT** need to conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors or number of stars and stripes.

*One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to District judging (optional).*

April 10: Local VFW Auxiliary and District judging complete.

*One winner from each District (optional) advances to Department judging.*

April 15: Local VFW Auxiliary and District (optional) winners to Department (state) Youth Activities Chairman for judging.\*

*One winner from each Department advances to National judging.*

May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.\*

July: First through third place winners named in each of the three grade divisions and displayed at National Convention. Winners will be notified by August 1 via the email address provided on the winners' entry form.

\*required deadlines



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**CONTEST ENTRY FORM** Please print or complete fillable form at [vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities](http://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities).

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

MEDIA USED IN ENTRY (e.g. colored pencil, crayon, watercolor, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher or supervisory adult's signature verifying that the entry was done by the student listed above.

TEACHER OR PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby grant permission of the artwork by the student listed above to be published in VFW Auxiliary Magazine, on the VFW Auxiliary website and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW Store if named a winner one of the top national awards. Artwork is property of the student and will be returned to the address listed above no later than September 1 of the contest year.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRIES NOT SPONSORED BY A LOCAL VFW AUXILIARY WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT BEING JUDGED.**

SPONSORED BY VFW AUXILIARY # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE JUDGED \_\_\_\_\_ VFW AUXILIARY YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT JUDGING** (Optional)

DATE JUDGED \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT JUDGING**

DATE JUDGED \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_

Department first-place entry must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by May 5 or it will be disqualified.  
Mail to: 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Program Awards Administrator



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