



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
Department of Wisconsin  
National Scholarships - February 2019

Each year, more than 3,500 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary's **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**. The scholarship contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.

**The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest** is open to all students, including home school students, in grades 9-12. Students must be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. National with a maximum age of 18 at the time of local entry.

**\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\***

We're excited to announce the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest will accept new forms of art! Beginning this Program Year (2018-2019), two and three-dimensional art will be accepted!

- 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.
- Three-dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, fabric, etc.
- Digital art, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.

Art will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. All art (except those pieces on a stretcher frame) must be matted **ONLY IN WHITE**. The use of a color mat will result in immediate disqualification. Colored mats can give a piece of art an unfair advantage by drawing out color or setting off contrast. It is very important that mats **ONLY BE WHITE**. Double mats are accepted if they are **ONLY WHITE**.

***Deadlines:***

- Entries received by local VFW Auxiliary - March 31
- Entries received by Department (state) - April 15
- Entries received by National Headquarters - May 5

**PAPERWORK** When you receive a piece of art and entry form, check for these things:

- Legible writing (If you can't decipher the writing, chances are we can't either.)
- Full address with city, state and ZIP Code
- Full phone number with area code

- Signature of parent/guardian
- Signature of Auxiliary Chairman and judge
- The section on the entry form requesting the source of the idea must be completed, even if it just says "Original idea." Students may sign their art, but you may choose to cover it for the local judging if you are afraid that a judge might recognize a student.

#### PACKAGING THE ART:

It might be a good idea to have a professional mailing store package the art for shipment. Do not use old, bent or torn cardboard for packaging. If the cardboard can bend, so can the art. Consider insuring the art and getting a delivery confirmation.

Send your winning Auxiliary artwork to: Inez Semingson, 517 E. Pine St., Strum, WI 54770 by the Dept. deadline of April 15, 2019.

Have you donated to the Patriotic Art Scholarship fund? You can send your check made payable to VFWA-WI earmarked Patriotic Art. All donations are greatly needed and appreciated. Send to Dept. Treasurer Lenore Otto, 1383 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, WI 53066. Thank you!

You can also FUND THE ARTISTS OF TOMORROW. Help increase the Young American Creative Patriotic Art awards! Send a donation of any amount to add to the national **Patriotic Art Escrow Fund**. The goal is to increase the number and dollar amount of the awards. To donate by mail, send a check earmarked Patriotic Art to: VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters Attn: Patriotic Art Fund 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111

Get the word out in your community about this wonderful scholarship contest! Visit the Scholarships section on the **Program & Publicity Resources page** of the VFW Auxiliary website for a printer-friendly application, fillable media release, informational flier, helpful hints and more! The form can also be found on our website: [www.wivfwaux.org](http://www.wivfwaux.org).

"Believe...We Can Do It" while "Reaching for the Stars for Veterans"

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