



WI Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
YOUTH ACTIVITIES
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Here we are in the month of October – the days are cooling down; the leaves are changing colors and a hint of winter is around the corner. Students, whether learning in the classroom or at home on their computers, have been back in school for several weeks. Let's reach out to them with our different Youth Activities programs. In my last bulletin, I concentrated on the new "Star Spangled Banner" singing contest, **GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!** This time around, I'll focus on two more programs – **Illustrating America** and **Patriotism through Literacy**.

ILLUSTRATING AMERICA is a terrific way to get students in grades 1-8 excited about patriotic artwork. While the high schoolers have the Creative Patriotic Art Competition, Illustrating America is just for the younger students. It will be a treat to see what they come up with! Entries will be judged on patriotic expression, content, and design. They must be two-dimensional and any media may be used (pencil, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, etc.). Art must be original – coloring sheets, digital art and photography will not be accepted. The deadline for entries to reach your local Auxiliary is March 31, 2021. Local first place winners must reach me by April 15, 2021. There are both National and Department awards in three grade divisions:

National Awards

Grades 1-2 – 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Grades 3-5 – 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Grades 6-8 – 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Department of WI Awards

Grades 1-2 – 1st Place: \$60 / 2nd Place: \$35 / 3rd Place: \$20

Grades 3-5 – 1st Place: \$60 / 2nd Place: \$35 / 3rd Place: \$20

Grades 6-8 – 1st Place: \$60 / 2nd Place: \$35 / 3rd Place: \$20



Please see copies of the rules, entry form and judges scoring sheet at vfwauxiliary.org/resources under Youth Activities or take a look at the Youth Activities Program Page on our Department website.



PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY fosters a love of reading among our youth while introducing them to historical figures and events in our nation's history. What child wouldn't be fascinated by the daring exploits of our Revolutionary War heroes, the courageous men and women who ran the Underground Railroad, or America's journeys to the far reaches of space? You could donate books to your local library or school, host a read-a-thon or invite an author of historical fiction or non-fiction for a book talk or signing in your area. Check out the **Patriotism Through Literacy Suggested Book List** on our National Resource page or our Department's webpage under the Youth Activities Program.

Because of COVID-19, the world looks a little different this year. See how creative your Auxiliary can be in promoting these uplifting programs to your local youth!

"Soar Like an Eagle for Veterans" while "Honoring Our Mission to Serve Veterans".

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