



WI Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
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Winter in Wisconsin – we love to see the first delicate snowflakes fall but are happy when the final drifts of white melt away. As winter slowly moves toward spring, the deadlines for our Youth Activities contests loom nearer. However, it's not too late to promote and distribute information about the **GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!** National Anthem Singing Competition and the **ILLUSTRATING AMERICA** Patriotic Art Contest. Entries need to be in to your local Auxiliary by **March 31, 2021** and winning entries to me by **April 15, 2021**. Wisconsin's overall first-place entry in the Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! Contest and the first-place winners in each of the three grade divisions

for Illustrating America will advance to National. More information about these contests can be found under Youth Activities on the National Resource page (<https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources>) or on our Department website under the Youth Activities Program. The National site also includes extra forms such as judging scoresheets, media releases and more.

Don't forget – Auxiliaries who promote the Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! Contest can fill out a **YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARD FOR AUXILIARIES NO. 1** entry form and compete for a national award. Your Auxiliary should give it a try!

National President Sandi Onstwedder was a Literacy Skills teacher for 35 years. In her honor, National Youth Activities Ambassador Jodie Hollinger thought it would be wonderful to donate books from the **PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY SUGGESTED BOOK LIST** to local libraries or schools. The book list and donation labels can be found on our Wisconsin website or under Youth Activities on the Resources page of the National Site. My Auxiliary selected two beautiful books from the list to present to the Chippewa Falls Public Library. Your Auxiliary could also make a donation – the monetary cost is low but the gift of a book is priceless.

Do you know a youth group that you feel has earned a **YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS CITATION**? It is a fantastic, easy – and FREE! – way to recognize youth groups and show that we appreciate their help. The citation request form, which is found under Youth Activities on both our Department and National Program sites, must be sent to me by **March 31, 2021**.

While some of our Youth Activities programs have deadlines, there is never a time limit for presenting a **PATRIOTIC YOUTH AWARD** to individual youth who put forth some extra effort. There are three award options on the Youth Activities sites for you to print and use. In addition, **RAP COINS AND CARDS** are also available to give out to youth who show their patriotism in everyday activities. Remember, there are many special days still coming up where youth can reach out to veterans – St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, etc.



Thank you for all you do to encourage and acknowledge our youth as they show their patriotism and their support for our veterans.

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

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