



## SCHOLARSHIPS - MARCH

*You've got art, now what do you do?* Here is a check list of items that will help you identify any potential problems that may disqualify the entries that you have received.

### FOR YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART:

- Must be two (2) dimensional
- Must be on canvas or paper
- Canvas entries must be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries, if matted **MUST BE MATTED IN WHITE. NO COLOR MATS ARE ALLOWED**
- Reinforce the back with heavy paper
- May **NOT** be **SMALLER** than 8" x 10" and **NOT LARGER** than 18" x 24"
- Be sure that the contest application is complete, all the blanks are filled in. Securely attach it to the back of the entry.
- Complete typed explanation of the entry in 250 words or less. Attach to the back of the entry.
- Parent or Guardian signature is required on the contest application
- If the American Flag is used, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code.
- **DIGITAL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY ARE NOT ACCEPTED**

### FOR 3-D PATRIOTIC ART:

- Must be three (3) dimensional
- Must **NOT** be larger than 18" in any direction
- Must **NOT** weigh more than 5 pounds
- Be sure that the contest application is complete, all the blanks are filled in. Securely attach it to the back of the entry.
- Complete typed explanation of the entry in 250 words or less. Attach to the back of the entry.
- Teacher or Supervisory Adult signature is required on the contest application
- If the American Flag is used, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code.
- **DIGITAL ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND JEWELRY ARE NOT ACCEPTED**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Although jewelry is **NOT** accepted, beaded artwork is allowed. Some examples are: beaded American Indian artwork, fractal bead embroidery, and beaded Christmas ornaments.

Judging and Deadlines are as follows:

- March 31<sup>st</sup>: Student entries MUST be submitted to a participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.
- April 15<sup>th</sup>: One (1) winner from each Auxiliary advances to the VFW Auxiliary Department (State)
- May 5<sup>th</sup>: VFW Auxiliary (State) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
- July: Students will be notified of entry status via e-mail provided on their entry form.
- August: First through Third place winners named on VFW Auxiliary social media pages and displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention
- September: Art will be returned to the address on the entry form

There are 13 National Scholarships given for Young American Creative Patriotic Art ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> place for \$15,000.00 to 13<sup>th</sup> place for \$500.00.

There are 3 National Scholarships given for 3-D Patriotic Art ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> place for \$2,500.00 to 3<sup>rd</sup> place for \$500.00.

I am looking forward to seeing all the entries from all of the talented youth across the state.

Its not too late to earn a Citation or a Citation and Monetary Award for your Auxiliary. See Below:

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS:**

1. Citation to each Auxiliary that makes a donation of \$50.00 to one of the three programs:
  - a. Patriotic Art Escrow
  - b. Continuing Education Fund
  - c. Ks Endowment Fund
2. Citation and monetary award to the top three Auxiliaries for most outstanding promotion of the new 3-D Patriotic Art Contest.
3. Citation and monetary award to the top three Auxiliaries for most outstanding promotion of both Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Scholarships

**Entries must be sent to me and Donations made by March 31<sup>st</sup> to qualify.**

**NATIONAL AWARDS:**

1. Most outstanding promotion and or participation of the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest. Citation to every Auxiliary that promotes and or participates in the Patriotic 3-D Art Contest. Criteria and entry form are required and available online at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their **Department Scholarship Chairman by March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Citations will be mailed directly from National Headquarters.
2. Citation and \$25.00 to one Auxiliary in each of the 4 conferences with the most outstanding promotion and or participation in the Patriotic 3-D Art Contest. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix Arizona

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