



# Get Excited for the **Red, White and Blue!**

## VFW Auxiliary National Singing Contest A video solo vocal performance of The Star-Spangled Banner



Entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value.

### Contest Rules

- Video of contestant's solo vocal performance of The Star-Spangled Banner must be recorded between **July 1 and March 31**.
- One entry per contestant.
- Student shall state name, age and grade level prior to vocal performance.
- Student may sing a cappella, with backing tracks or instruments.
- Student may sing in the arrangement and genre of their choice.
- Student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring participating VFW Auxiliary by **March 31**.
- Student may **NOT** change the words. Student may **NOT** lip sync.
- Video must be a recorded live unedited version.
- Complete and sign contest entry form. Parent/Guardian signature required on entry form.
- Video must be saved on YouTube and submitted with completed entry form to a VFW Auxiliary for judging.

### Contest Eligibility

- Open to students in grades **K-12** who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen.
- Student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate.
- Foreign exchange students and students aged 20 or older are ineligible.
- National grade division winners of previous *Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!* students may enter the subsequent grade division but are ineligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous National winner.

### National Awards

#### Grades K-8

First place: \$500 gift card  
Second place: \$300 gift card  
Third place: \$200 gift card

#### Grades 9-12

First place: \$500 gift card  
Second place: \$300 gift card  
Third place: \$200 gift card

*VFW Auxiliary is not responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected or poor-quality video entries. All scores are final as received from the judges. Falsifying information on the entry form is reason for immediate disqualification. All contestants agree to abide by the contest rules. Any violation of these rules shall be cause for immediate disqualification and forfeiture of award.*

To acquire contact information and application assistance in your state please email [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org)

### VFW Auxiliary judging and deadlines

- **March 31:** Student entries must be submitted to a participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.
- **April 15:** One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to the VFW Auxiliary Department (state).
- **May 5:** VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
- **July:** Students will be notified of entry status via the email address provided on the entry form.
- **August:** First through third place winners named in each of the two grade divisions on VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters social media pages and shown at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.