

YOUTH ACTIVITIES 2022-2023

Bulletin #2

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As stated in my last bulletin, I will be focusing on a specific part of the Youth Activities Program in each newsletter and, this bulletin is highlighting the VFW Auxiliary National Illustrating America Art Contest.



ILLUSTRATING AMERICA ART CONTEST

The contest is for elementary, middle and junior high school students. It encourages the artist's creative abilities and rewards them. There are three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. One 1st, 2nd and 3rd place National winner will be selected for each grade division.

Rules for this contest are:

1. Art must be two-dimensional.
2. Entry can be on either canvas or paper.
3. Canvas entries must be on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
4. Paper entries are to be matted in white or reinforced with heavy paper.
5. Artwork size should be between 8" x 10" and 18" x 24", not including mat.
6. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, glitter or other media may be used.

Be sure to contact your local schools! The best contacts are the Secretaries as they usually know all that is going on in the school and who should receive what information.

To see the 2021-2022 National Winners, check out www.vfwauxiliary.org/illustrating-america. The National website has the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for each age group. The winners are listed by department, name and grade level. Congratulations to all the National winners!

The entry form can be found on the National website: www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities or on the Department website: vfwauxiliaryil.org/youth-activities-2. Also available on the Department website are the Judging forms to be sent to my attention for each entry.