

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

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Hello Auxiliaries

It's up to us to teach our youth the values and traditions of patriotism. The Youth Activities Program provides us the means to do this and recognize them for their accomplishments!

### **ILLUSTRATING AMERICA**

This is a patriotic art contest for elementary and middle/junior high school students. The contest consists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are not accepted. Entries must be submitted to the local VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2022. District judging is optional, but all entries sent to me must be received by April 15, 2022, and first place winners will be sent by me to National Headquarters by May 5, 2022. Additional information can be found under "Youth Activities" at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources).

### **GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE**

This is an individual singing contest for youth in grades K-12 and encourages youth to display their patriotism by singing the national anthem. Contest eligibility, rules and application are available at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources) under Youth Activities. Entry submittals same as above.

### **PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY**

This promotes and supports reading historical fiction and nonfiction among youth. Try to host an event that provides books offered for reading. Introduce youth to historical figures and teach them about events in our nation's history.

### **CREATE, SPONSOR AND WORK WITH YOUTH GROUPS**

Engage youth in any one of our programs, including activities to honor our veterans or assist our service members and their families.

### **YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS CITATIONS AND PATRIOTIC YOUTH AWARD**

Recognize youth groups for their efforts and service projects honoring our veterans and assisting service members and their families by presenting them with the Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans Citation or an individual youth by presenting them with the Patriotic Youth Award available at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources) under Youth Activities.

I will be judging Auxiliaries on how many youth groups they have worked with and provided Youth Group Supporting Our Veterans Citations, youth recognized with a Patriotic Youth Award and promotion and participation in Illustrating America, Patriotism through Literacy and Get Excited for The Red, White and Blue contests.

Please call, text or email me with any questions!!