

2020-2021 Youth ActivitiesJANUARY 2021 Guidesheet

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Keep up the great work on getting the word out about our great contests and recognizing our youth efforts:

***CELEBRATING THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE singing contest and
the ILLUSTRATING AMERICA art contests!***

To help visualize the art contest, please check out last year's winning entries on vfwaux.org and in the VFW AUXILIARY magazine. Each age level winning entries in ILLUSTRATING AMERICA are displayed! Help mentor all age levels.

Deadline is March 31, 2021 to have your POST AUXILIARY sponsored winners announced and you have until April 15, 2021 to get your POST AUXILIARY winners to me in **BOTH contests!** All the rules and applications are on the vfwaux.org website or the vfwauxin.org website. If you have trouble finding them, let me know. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED!**

I NEED YOUR HELP! At fall conference, the YOUTH ACTIVITIES raffle table raised \$210.00 towards the Department recognition of the winners of this year's contests. Why does Youth Activities need to raise the money? These contests are NEW to the Department level so there is NO money in the Department's budget to recognize the winners in these two GREAT Youth contests in a monetary/gift card way! I NEED your help in raising more AWARD money for these youth for their outstanding efforts! The more \$ raised at the Youth Activities raffle table at and by Spring Conference, the more award money and places we can give out at the 2021 Department Convention!

Please send a raffle item to the Spring Conference to be raffled. If you do not wish to donate a raffle item, monetary donations from your POST &/or AUXILIARIES etc are always welcomed and appreciated. Please send any monetary donations to Kasey before Spring Conference or bring them to Spring Conference. Please mark any donations for YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARDS FUND payable to Dept of IN VFW Auxiliary. All the money raised will go toward recognizing the YOUTH winners and their winning entries! Also report the donations on your spring reports!

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE recognitions.... Show you recognize your local youth, youth groups and VFW Auxiliary volunteers by handing out Certificates of Recognitions at your meeting for jobs well done or to any youth or youth groups! I know you all do a lot of volunteer and gifting to great causes in your communities. Request forms for **Special National Recognitions for youth /youth groups doing deeds for ANY veteran or ANY organizations or facilities helping VETERANS must be sent to me to sign and send in to National.** Please do as many of them by 4/1/21 and send them along with your SPRING reports. As of now, I have received only one form. I know you have MANY MORE TO SEND IN. Check the resources on vfwauxin.org or the vfwaux.org websites for forms and information.

NOTE: Spring reports will change from the FALL report. So be sure to use the correct version! It will be available on the department website in **FEBRUARY.** SPRING REPORTS are due to me 4/1/21 and should cover 10/1/20 to 4/1/21! Pictures are always welcome along with reports. Please share how you worked with and sponsored the youth as well as how many youth &/or youth groups. HELPFUL HINT: Use your travel log to help jot down your events as you do them. It will make reporting a breeze! Submit the travel log with your report.

Again if you need help with finding the correct form, information about the contests, and questions in general....call me or email me. Until we meet at the next rest stop, Keep on getting the word out, enjoy those kiddos, and share what you know.

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