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VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland



Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen

Our Deadline has passed and hopefully each VFW Post received student submissions. It is now up to the VFW Posts to review all entries by Nov.15th entries then go to the district and each district submits one to the Department. selections to the VFW Department of Maryland to be Judged by Jan 10th, 2024.

- Did you Promote VOD & PP and the continuing education?
- Did you have any student submissions?
- Did you Donate to the Scholarship fund?

I appreciate all the hard work each Auxiliary did to promote the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen. I received so many great reports, some Auxiliaries created their own flyers which looked AMAZING. Other Auxiliaries had members that did presentations at churches and schools.

I only received reports from a few Auxiliaries, I'm hoping now that we have wrapped up the first half of our Scholarship program the rest of you will be sending me reports.

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Continuing Education-

Entries are due at AUX. NTL. HQS by <u>Feb. 15.</u> Entries are open to any current Auxiliary member 1 yr. in good standing, their spouse, son, or daughter with financial need. Entrants must be at least 18 years old, complete the application, and submit an essay of 300 words or less.

Young American creative Patriotic Art - Due to local VFW Aux <u>Mar. 31.</u> Entries are open to students grades 9-12 enrolled in public, private, parochial schools, and home study programs within the United States and its territories, as well as dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Students must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. National. Student does not have to be related to an auxiliary member to participate. Students must attend school in same state of sponsoring Auxiliary.

Two- Dimensional Art:

- Must be on Canvas or paper, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, or other medias taught be used.
- Do **NOT** frame two- dimensional pieces.
- Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted white. Do **NOT** use color matts. Reinforce the back with heavy paper. Mounted and floating mats may be used.
- Art should be no smaller than "8x10" and no larger than "18x24" not including the mat.

Three- Dimensional Art:

- Art can be paper mache', pottery, clay, metalwork, fabric, etc.
- Pieces should be no smaller than 8" in any direction and no longer than 24" in any direction. And art cannot weigh more than 5 lbs.

Judging: will be on originality of concept, presentation of Patriotism expressed, content of how it relates to patriotism and clarity of ideas, technique & total aspect of work.

Young American Creative Art Contest

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