

# Youth Activities Program



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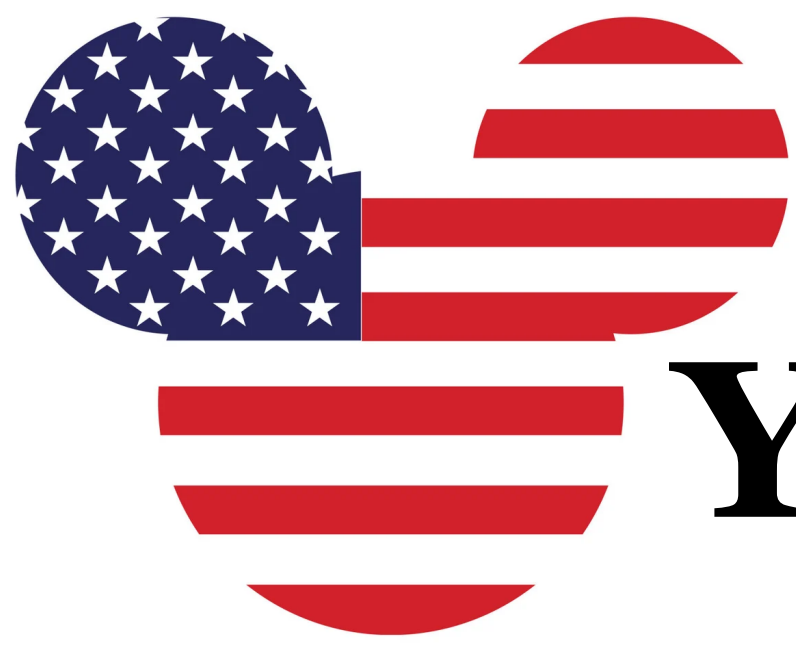
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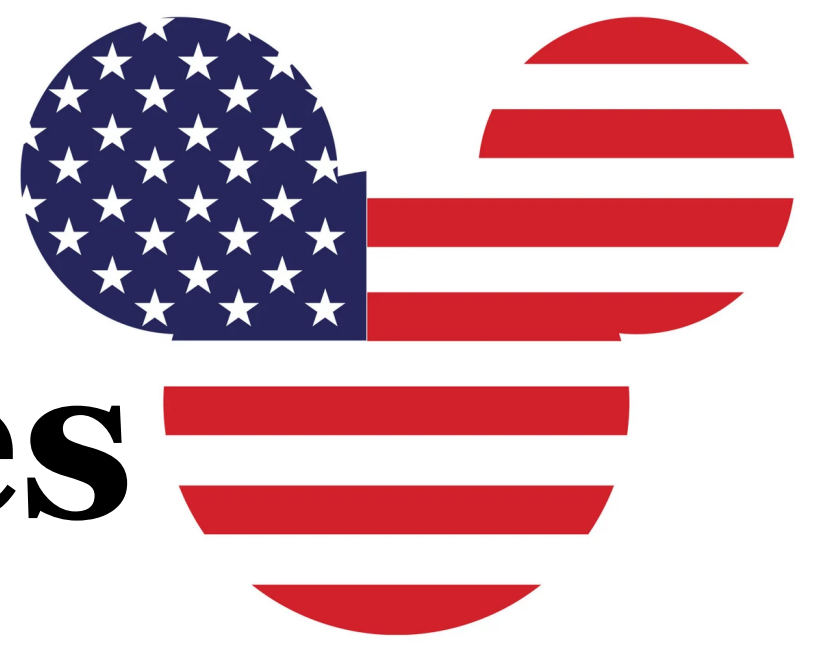
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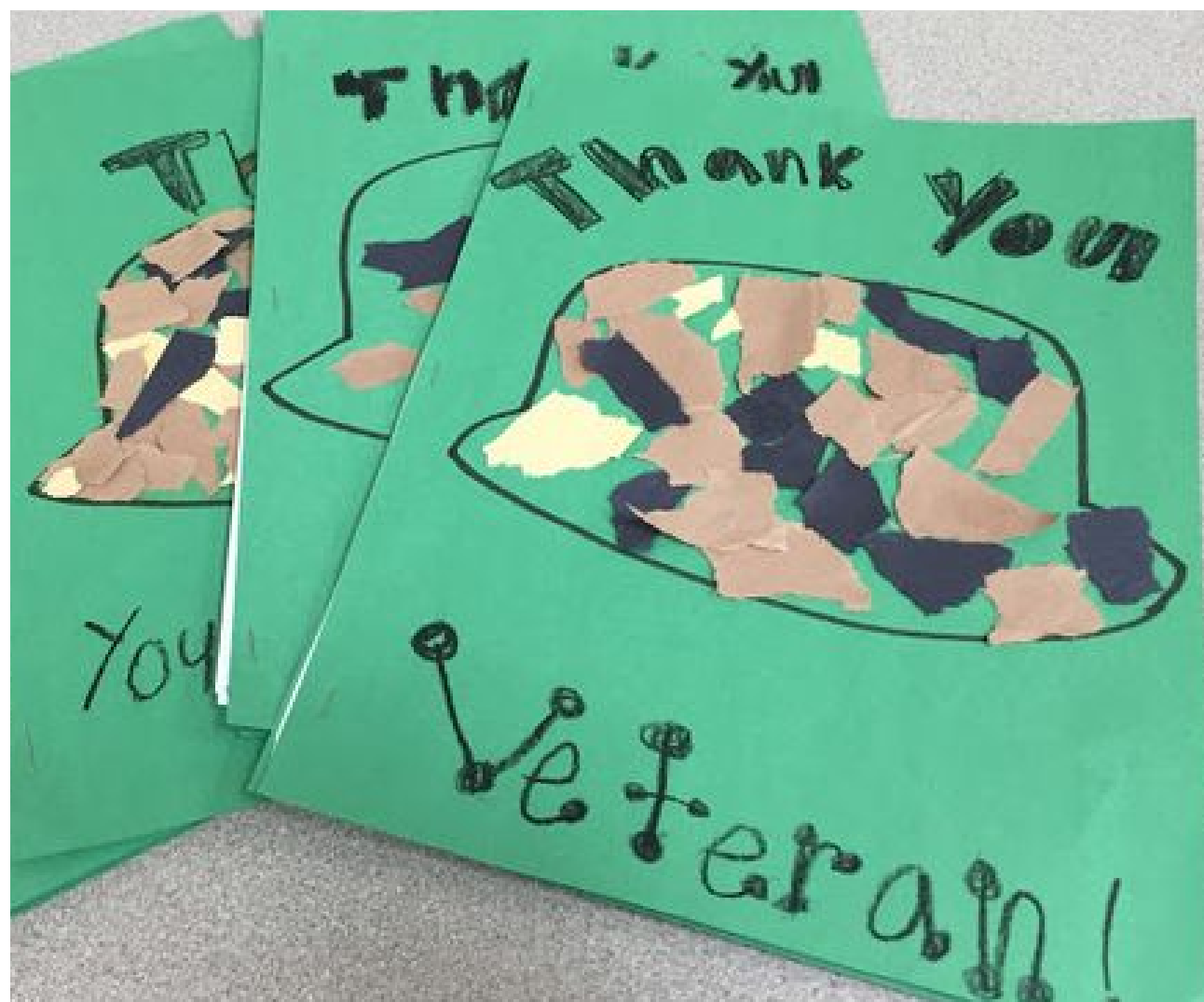


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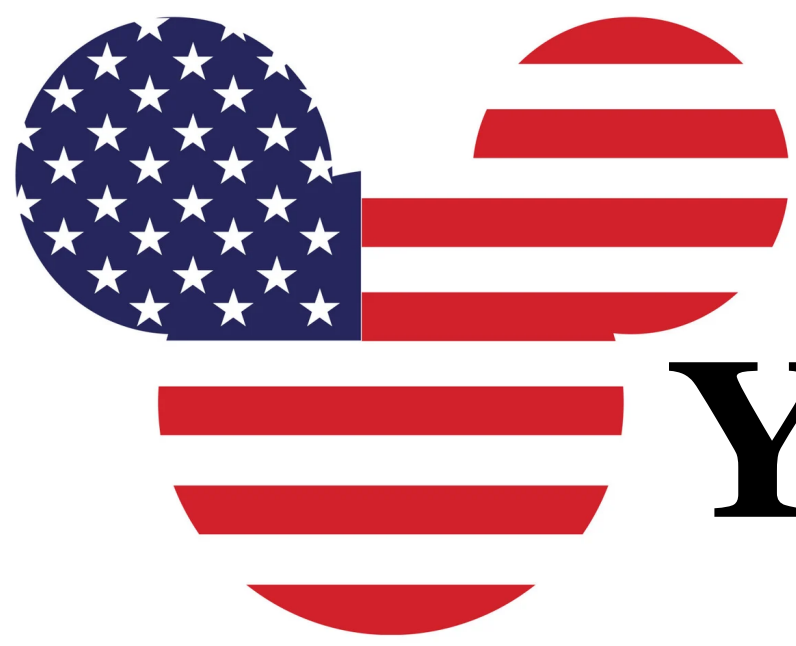
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## Help youth make cards

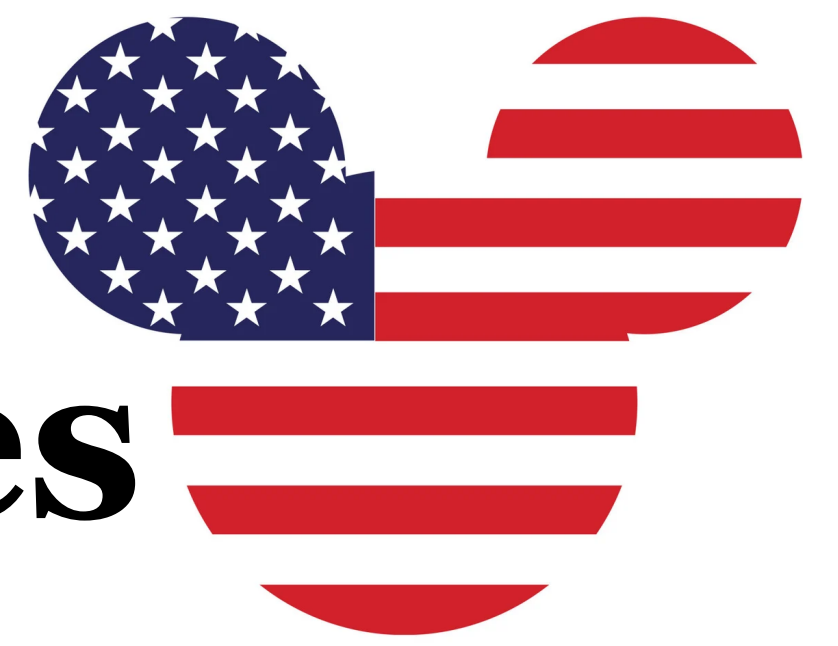


**Work with the youth to collect items for care packages for troops. Host the event at your local Post. Assist them with organizing items, and the delivery of the packages.**





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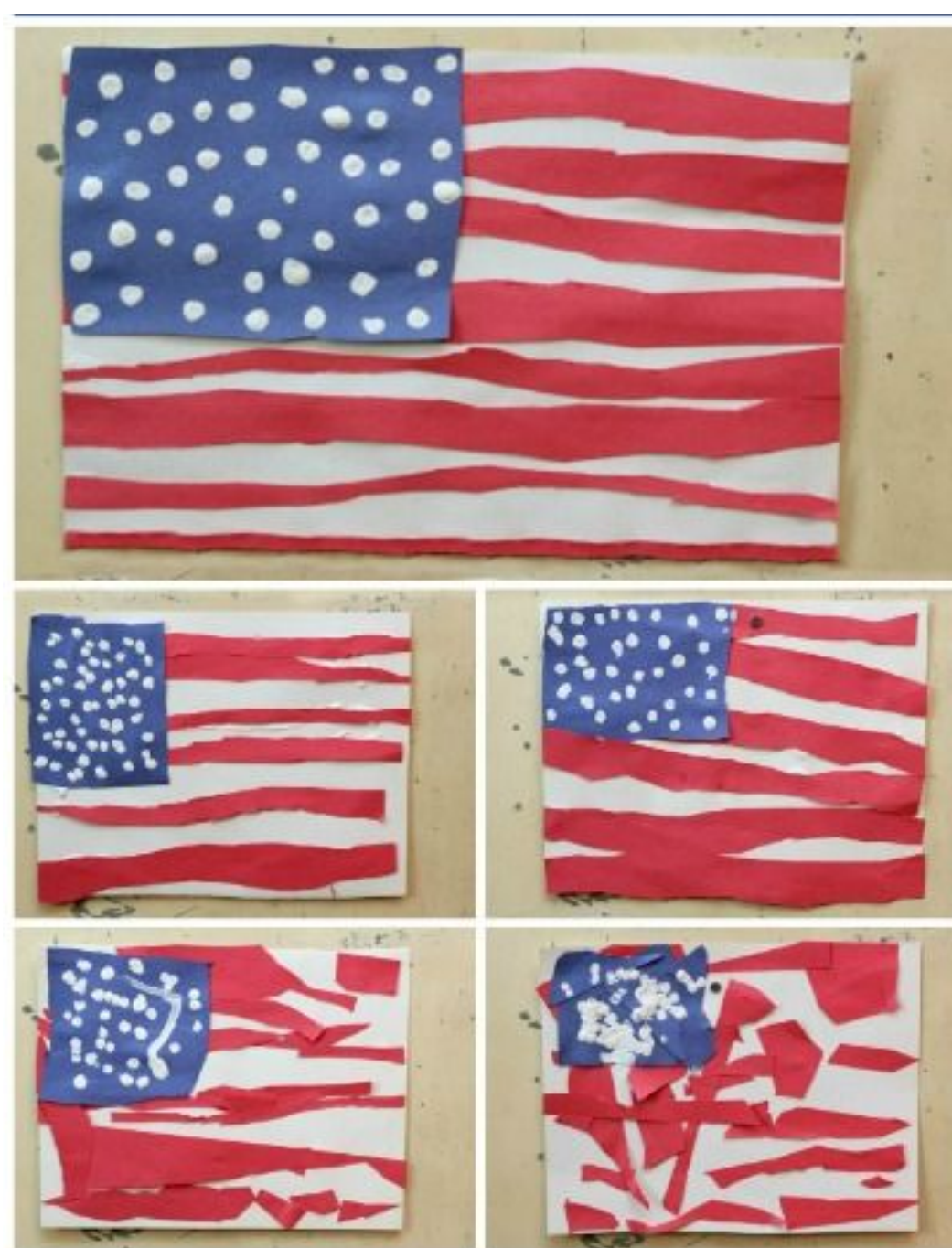
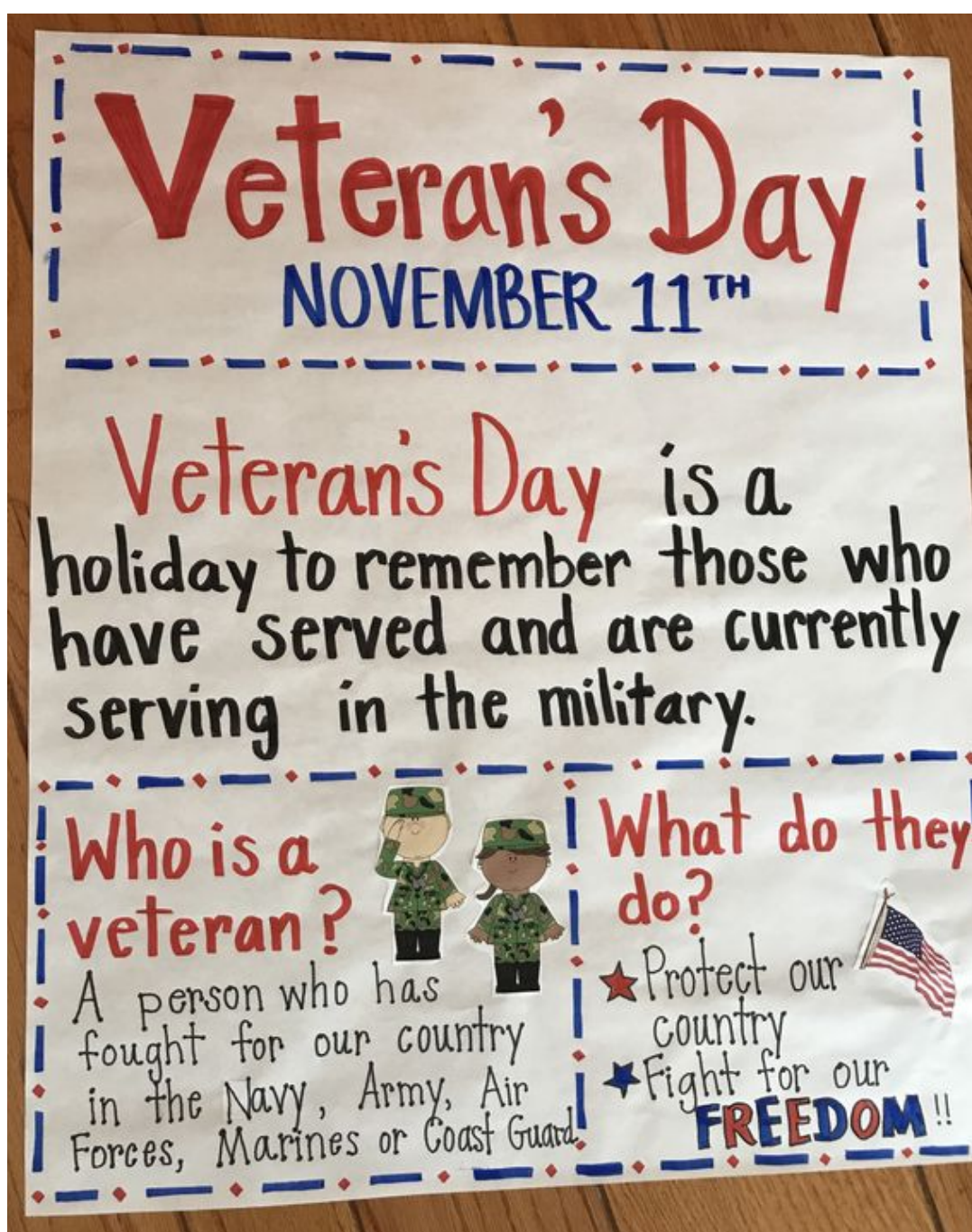
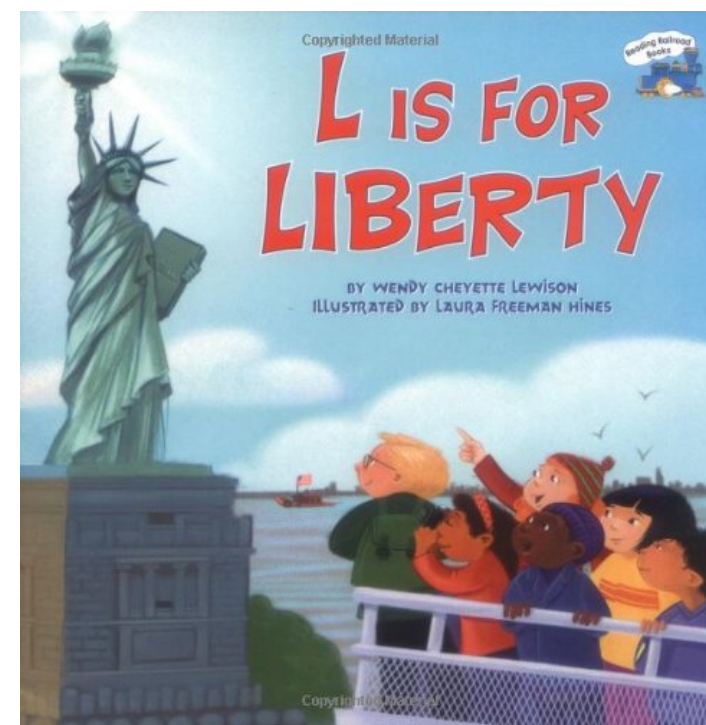
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## Adopt a classroom



Read a creative nonfiction book to the class, then donate it to the classroom library.

Help the class plan a lunch for veterans, Gold Star families and/or military personnel.



Help them make decorations for the different military holidays.

# 10 Tips for Working with Youth

When working with youth, it is important to consider their safety and needs. We would like to offer these tips and resources so you can ensure that all youth you encounter have the best experience possible.



1. Consider taking Youth Protection training. Many organizations working with youth provide and require training. One of the most comprehensive is by the Boy Scouts. You do not need to be a member or even involved with the program in order to take their free online training. Find it here: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/youthprotection.aspx>
2. Always respect the time commitments of youth. They are very busy. Be clear about when an event or project starts and when it ends. Parents also very much appreciate it when their child is finished at the stated time.
3. Parents should always be welcome to stay and take part in the activity.
4. No matter the project or event, make sure that proper safety measures are taken for everyone involved. Also, be sure that activities or projects are age appropriate.
5. Be extremely conscious of the location where you bring or meet the youths.
6. Do not smoke, drink or use drugs around them.
7. If you are taking youth somewhere other than the Post home or a school, consider asking parents to sign a permission slip and make sure parents understand that the children may be riding in personal vehicles.
8. Receive training from your local Child Abuse Prevention Council or Child Protective Center on the Mandated Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Laws in your state for those working with children.
9. Find out if you need to have individuals working with youth/children fingerprinted before events. There may be laws in your state that require background checks.
10. Maintain and model healthy boundaries with children - be a role model. Remember it is never appropriate to display acts of violence or abuse around or towards children.

Remember that it only takes a minute to make a difference in the life of a child. There are many small, positive things we can all do to help protect and nurture our children that only take a minute. A few words of praise and encouragement to a child, listening carefully to what a child has to say, showing a child you care, are all simple actions that have been shown to have a profound impact on a child's life. In these very real ways, we can all support children and strengthen families.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
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GET EXCITED FOR THE  
*Red, White and Blue!*

A NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGING CONTEST FOR YOUTH IN GRADES K-12.

- Record a video of your solo vocal performance of “The Star-Spangled Banner” in the arrangement and genre of your choice.
- Save the video to YouTube and submit a signed entry form to a VFW Auxiliary by March 31 for judging.
- Entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value.

Visit [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) for contest eligibility, rules, national awards and an entry form.



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

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



### Contest Entry Form

Please **print** or complete fillable form at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org)  
This form must be submitted with the video entry at all levels of judging.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that I have met all the contest requirements and that I am the sole author of the attached/enclosed video entry. By entering the contest, I grant the VFW Auxiliary royalty-free rights to use, edit, share, publish and broadcast my contest video entry for the Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! national anthem singing contest for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary. I understand the video will not be sold but will remain the property of the VFW Auxiliary.*

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YouTube link:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This section to be filled out by VFW Auxiliary at each judging level.**  
**National Headquarters only accepts Department level first place winners.**  
Any other entries received at National Headquarters will be disqualified.

Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate grade division.

**This first place entry is for: Grade K-8 \_\_\_\_\_ OR Grade 9-12 \_\_\_\_\_**

**VFW Auxiliary Judging** deadline date March 31.

Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**VFW Auxiliary Department Judging** deadline date April 15.

Department Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Level** - Department first-place entry must be received at  
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by **May 5** or it will be disqualified.  
ATTN: Program Awards Administrator



# VFW Auxiliary National Illustrating America Art Contest

An Art contest for students in grades K-8

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*I hereby grant permission of the artwork by the student listed above to be published in VFW Auxiliary Magazine, on the VFW Auxiliary website and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW Store if named a winner of one of the top national awards. I hereby verifying that the entry was done by the student listed above.*

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate grade division.

**This first place entry is for:    GradeK-2\_\_\_\_\_ OR    Grade3-5\_\_\_\_\_ OR    Grade 6-8\_\_\_\_\_**

**VFW Auxiliary Judging** deadline date March 31

Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Artwork is property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.*

**Department Judging** deadline date April 15th

Department Youth Activities Chairman verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Artwork is property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.*

**Final Level** - Department winning entries must be received at  
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by May 5 or they will be disqualified.

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# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

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## **Patriotic Youth Award**

PRESENTED TO

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*Your actions and deeds are appreciated and commended by  
the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary.*

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Random Act of Patriotism



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Be a Veteran's P.A.L.

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## 2023 - 2024 Report Form

Crystal Hallen, Department Chairperson

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Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting Period: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

This month - Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Projects Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers # \_\_\_\_\_

How many Youth groups worked with your Auxiliary during this program year? # \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of youth involved # \_\_\_\_\_

How many "Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans" citations did your auxiliary award? # \_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in "Patriotism through Literacy"? If yes, how many books did you donate? # \_\_\_\_\_

Did you promote the *Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue* National Anthem Singing contest? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How many students submitted entries for judging? # \_\_\_\_\_

Did you submit an entry to the Department for judging? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in this contests? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Total dollar amount and/or value of awards presented by your auxiliary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Did you promote the *Illustrating America Art Contest*? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Youth Activities projects (use an additional sheet if necessary):