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Hello! As I write this, it's mid-January and guess what is right around the corner?? Spring you say? Well, that may be the case in a few months.... BUT, I'm referring to the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests (YACPAC to shorten it up)!! Yes, it's that time of year already... and we need to get our butts in gear and get the word out about this scholarship program so the students have enough time to create those fantastic pieces of art! The deadline to turn an entry in is March 31st – so let's get the word out now. Talk about the program at your meetings, post about it on your social media pages, hand out the entry forms, tell your local art teachers about it, tell your friends with high school age kids.

Who's eligible to enter the YACPAC? Students in grades 9-12 enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the U.S.

What kind of art can be submitted? There are TWO contests: a 2-dimensional and a 3-dimensional contest. **2-D** art can be on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, or marker. **3-dimensional** art can be made from paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, and/or fabric.

Are there rules about how big or small the art can be? Yes, for the 2-dimensional contest the artwork should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", **INCLUDING** mat. Do not frame the art (other than a mat). For the 3-dimensional contest the artwork should be no larger than 18-inches in any direction, and no heavier than 5 lbs.

Is an essay required also? Not an "essay" per se, but an explanation of the art is part of the submittal. Students should submit a typed explanation of the patriotism expressed in their art (250 words or less) along with the entry.

Where can I get the entry form? Here's a link to the National VFW Auxiliary website page that includes links to the entry forms: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/> and lots of other cool stuff about this fun program!

What are the deadlines?

March 31st – deadline for the students to have the artwork turned into your Auxiliary

April 15th – deadline to have your 1st place winning artwork sent to myself (address below) for State level judging. Students will get the artwork back after our June Convention. The first-place entry will be forwarded on to National to compete against other state entries from around the nation. Exciting!

What can the students win? There are monetary awards at the State level and National level, and your Auxiliary may want to award your top entries as well! Feel free to browse the website page listed above for more info on awards and photos of past entries. Let's get those creative juices flowing WI!



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