

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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ILLUSTRATING AMERICA

Illustrating America gives our students a chance to showcase both their patriotism and their artistic talent! Once again, our Youth Activities Program is offering this Patriotic Art Contest for students in Grades K-8. Their two-dimensional art will be judged on patriotic theme and technique.



NEW DUE DATES THIS YEAR:

December 15, 2026: Art entries are due to local VFW Auxiliaries for judging.

January 15, 2027: Local Auxiliary first place winners in each grade division must reach me for Department judging.

Because of these earlier due dates, your Auxiliary will need to reach out to local schools, youth groups and clubs very soon. The new 2026-2027 entry forms and contest rules can be found on MALTA Member Resources and on our WI Auxiliary website under Youth Activities. **Please remind your parents and students to read the instructions carefully.** Some frequently missed items include printing the child's name, age and grade on the back of their artwork, and reinforcing paper entries with heavy paper (use something heavier than construction paper such as posterboard, cardboard, foamboard, etc.) Matting requirements are less restrictive (colored mats are now allowed).

Department of Wisconsin Awards

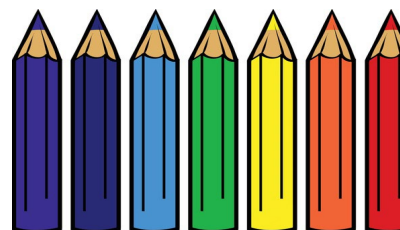
(In each of the grade divisions – Grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8)

First Place: \$75 / Second Place: \$50 / Third Place: \$25

National Awards

(In each of the grade divisions – Grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8)

First Place: \$100 / Second Place: \$50 / Third Place: \$25



Encourage your young artists to enter this contest. Not only will it allow them to share their creativity, but it will introduce them to what our Auxiliary does for our veterans and our communities. It may also motivate them to enter the Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-D Art Scholarship Contests in high school. **Go, Wisconsin!**