

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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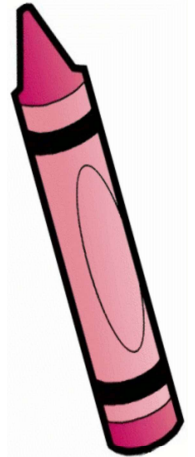
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## ILLUSTRATING AMERICA

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.

**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 (such as tagboard, posterboard, cardboard, foamboard, etc.) Matting requirements are less restrictive (colored mats are now allowed). There is a new 2025-26 entry form and contest rules on MALTA Member Resources and on our WI Auxiliary website under Youth Activities. These pieces of art are so precious! We don't want a child's entry to be disqualified because their artwork or entry form was not completed properly.



National First Place Winner  
Grades K-2 – 2024-2025



## ILLUSTRATING AMERICA AWARDS

Entries are due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2026. Local first place winners in each grade division must reach me by April 15, 2026. The awards are:

### 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 talented young artists to enter this contest. Not only will it allow them to share their creativity, but it will introduce them to what our VFW 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!**

← This QR Code will take you to the Youth Activities Program info on the National Auxiliary website. Check out the recent Illustrating America winners and 2025-2026 forms!