

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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“January is for dreamers . . . February is for doers.” – Marc Parent

While February is our shortest month, it can also be one of our busiest months. The midway point of our Auxiliary Program Year also marks the midway point of the school year. School supplies that were donated in August are now depleted; perhaps your Auxiliary would like to provide more items to help the students finish the year without a hitch! To get through our cold Wisconsin winters, kids may need coats, hats, gloves, mittens and boots. Have you checked with your local schools to see if they need help in the library, classroom or with special projects? How about purchasing patriotic books for youth groups or libraries? Valentine’s Day is coming up – veterans love to receive creative cards made by boys and girls. There is still plenty of time and ways to get involved with youth!



Patriotic artwork and applications for the **Illustrating America** contest are due to your local Auxiliary on **March 31st** and then **to me by April 15th** for Department judging. You can send in your Auxiliary’s first-place winner in each grade division (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8). Be sure to use the new updated entry form (revised September 2024). It includes new rules like printing the child’s name, age, and grade level on the back of their art.

The 2024-2025 **Youth Activities National Program Awards** go to the most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth. What a great way to get our veterans and kids together! A copy of the entry form was included in the December/January General Orders. This Auxiliary Award application is due to me by **March 31st**. Thank you!