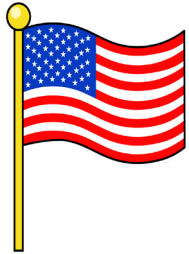




YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Happy November! With both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day being celebrated this month, we are doubly reminded to express our gratitude for our veterans and our country. Although Francis Scott Key penned the words to “The Star-Spangled Banner” over 209 years ago, these lyrics still have the power to evoke strong feelings of patriotism in all of us. Our youth have the chance to voice these same words in another Youth Activities contest – **“GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!”** This month, we’ll take a closer look at this National Anthem singing competition.

GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!



Students in grades K-12 can show their patriotism and creativity by entering our National Anthem singing contest. Their video entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value. They can sing their solo rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” a cappella, with backing tracks or instruments and in any music genre they wish. However, they may NOT change the words or lip sync. Students should state their name, age and grade level prior to their vocal performance. **Please remind your students to read the rules carefully!** Videos need to be in an MP4 format and, along with the entry form, are due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2024. Local first place winners in each grade level must reach me by April 15, 2024. There are both National and Department awards in the two grade divisions:

National Auxiliary Awards:

Grades K-8: 1st Place: \$500 / 2nd Place: \$300 / 3rd Place: \$200

Grades 9-12: 1st Place: \$500 / 2nd Place: \$300 / 3rd Place: \$200

Department Of WI Awards:

Grades K-8: 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Grades 9-12: 1st Place: \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Reach out to schools, youth theater groups, choirs, clubs and other places where kids gather. Let’s encourage our area youth to showcase their vocal talent and patriotism by entering this contest. Forms and more information can be found under the Youth Activities Program on our WI VFW Auxiliary website (vfwauxwi.org) or on the MALTA Members Resources Page.



“Bee the Change” while “Banding Together for Our Veterans”.

