



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Chippewa Falls first grader Carter Wittwer's award winning "Illustrating America" entry.

Hello, Autumn! The leaves are changing colors, the air is getting crisper, and boys and girls have settled into their school routines. This is a perfect time to start promoting our two Youth Activities Competitions – the "Illustrating America" Patriotic Art Contest and the "Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!" National Anthem Singing Contest. Let's get the word out and encourage our youth to enter these contests. We had some excitement this summer when six-year-old Carter Wittwer took second place at National in the K-2 grade division for "Illustrating America". WOW! What can Wisconsin do this year? So, this month, I'd like to focus on "Illustrating America".

ILLUSTRATING AMERICA ★★☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

One exciting way for students in grades K-8 to convey their feelings of patriotism is through the "ILLUSTRATING AMERICA" patriotic art contest. Their two-dimensional art will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. Any type of art media may be used, and entries can be submitted on a canvas stretcher frame, canvas board or paper. Paper entries can be matted in white (if desired) and must be reinforced on back with heavy white paper. No color border should surround the artwork. Entries can range in size from 8" x 10" to 18" x 24", not including a mat. **Please remind your students to read the instructions carefully!** Entries are due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2024. Local first place winners must reach me by April 15, 2024. There are National and Department awards in three grade divisions:

National Auxiliary Awards:

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

Grades 3-5: 1st Place \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Grades 6-8: 1st Place \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

Department of WI Awards:

Grades K-2: 1st Place: \$80 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20

Grades 3-5: 1st Place: \$80 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20

Grades 6-8: 1st Place: \$80 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20

Encourage your area youth to display their artistic talent by entering this contest. More information can be found under the Youth Activities Program on our WI Auxiliary website (vfwauxwi.org) or on the MALTA Member Resources Page.



"Bee the Change" while "Banding Together for Our Veterans".

