

**Youth Activities Promotions**  
**VFW Auxiliary**  
February 2024

Heads up! This is a friendly reminder that we have these great contests going on.

**GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE SINGING CONTEST**

**This is our National Anthem Video Singing Contest.** The entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value.

**Eligibility** students from k-12 with a video of contestant's solo vocal performance of the Star-Spangled Banner must be recorded between July 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024. Must be a live unedited version. More details are on the entry form.

March 31: Entries to Auxiliary

April 15: Winners advance to the district (optional) and advance to Auxiliary Department.

May 5: Winners advance to VFW National Headquarters

**Please submit the video on an MP4 format to:**

The VFW Department of Washington

5213 Pacific Hwy E. Fife WA 98424

**\*\*VFW Auxiliary National Awards Grades K-8 and grades 9-12\*\***

1<sup>st</sup> place \$500 gift card

2<sup>nd</sup> place \$300 gift card

3<sup>rd</sup> place \$200 gift card

**YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST**

I am proud to be a part of this program where the children express patriotism through art. We have seen some beautiful artwork submitted by children grades K-8. Please encourage and recognize young artists by inviting them to participate in this contest. Stop by your local schools and hand out the contest martial if you haven't already. It is not too late.

Deadline is March 31, 2024

Please send to the Department of Washing Headquarters

National Awards 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100 gift card 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$50 gift card 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$25 gift card for grades K-2, grades 3-5 and grades 6-8.

The Department of Washington will provide Awards at Convention in June.

**R.A.P.**

And don't forget to R.A.P. it up with the youth recognition program. Reward our youths for acknowledging and aiding our Veterans. Teach them how to salute the American flag, share your knowledge of folding the American flag and the retiring of the flag ceremony. The printable R.A.P. cards and Patriotic Youth Award Certificates are on the Department website, [VFWauxwa.org](http://VFWauxwa.org) and in Malta.



**PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY** - reading among our youth.

Help youth to better understand our American History, improve grammar and writing skills. There is a list of suggested book readings under Youth Activities in Malta. Please share with your Auxiliary members.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Convention!

Sincerely

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