



★ Illustrating America Art Contest ★

The Illustrating America art contest encourages students in grades K through 8 to explore their artistic talents by creating original artwork that reflects patriotic themes. This national competition helps young artists gain confidence and recognition while allowing them to express their love of country creatively. We should all be excited to see the world through the eyes of

our youth! 

Use the press release found on MALTA – Member Resources - Youth to announce the contest to your community, reach out to local schools and use social media.

★ NEW DEADLINES! ★

Date	What's Due
December 15	Student entries due to the Auxiliary for judging.
January 1	Optional: 1st place winner in each grade division from each Auxiliary due to the District for judging.
January 15	1st place winner in each grade division from each Auxiliary or District due to Department Chairman Sherri Golder for judging.
January 31	1st place winner in each grade division from Department must be received by National for judging.
 ★ Who Can Enter - Open to students in grades K–8 enrolled in public, private, parochial, home school, U.S. territories/possessions, or eligible overseas school programs. - Students do not need to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member. - Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residency and intend to become U.S. citizens. - Foreign exchange students, students age 15 or older, and previous national winners in the same grade division are not eligible.	 ★ Artwork Rules - Artwork must be original, two-dimensional, and completed during the current school year. - Use canvas or paper only; canvas must be on a stretcher frame or canvas board, and paper must be reinforced with heavy paper. - Size must be between 8" x 10" and 18" x 24", including mat. - Accepted media include acrylic, chalk, crayon, ink, marker, pastel, pen, pencil, tempera, watercolor, glitter, and similar media. - No wood, metal, plastic, or glass frames. Mats are allowed. - Coloring sheets, digital art, and photography are not accepted. - Submit a completed, legible entry form with parent/guardian signatures. Print student name, age, and grade level on the back of the artwork.

 ★ Entries are judged on patriotic theme and artistic technique. ★ 

Entry forms can be found: Youth Activities – Aux. Department & National website

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