

Auxiliary's Art Contest Celebrates 40th Anniversary

This competition continues to recognize talented up-and-coming artists while encouraging patriotism in youth

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The VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest was established in 1979 to give high school students a platform and venue for expressing patriotism not only through their words, but also their art.

Any student in grades 9-12 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home-study program and is a U.S. citizen or U.S. national is eligible. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$31,000. First-place winning entries from each state are displayed and judged annually at the VFW Auxiliary's national convention in July.

For more information about eligibility, deadlines and other criteria, find the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest brochure at vfwauxiliary.org. Click on the "Scholarships" tab and then "Young American Creative Patriotic Art" in the drop-down menu.

Here is a look at the top three winners in 2019.

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