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## VFW Auxiliary Announces Kick-Off of First 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Scholarship Contest

VFW Auxiliary **[insert Name/Post Number]** is excited to announce the kick-off of the VFW Auxiliary's first 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest. Local students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to compete for \$4,000 in national scholarships.

Students must submit an original -dimensional piece of artwork. Digital art and jewelry are not accepted. The entry must have completed during the current (year) school year and the application must include a parent or guardian's signature.

Students begin by competing at the local VFW Auxiliary level. The first-place winner from each Auxiliary advances to the state competition. Department (state) first-place winners compete for their share of \$4,000 in national awards, and the national first- place winner is awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. National first- through third-place winners are featured in *VFW Auxiliary Magazine* and on the national VFW Auxiliary website. All state winning entries will be displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention that will take place (date and location).

The VFW Auxiliary started the 3-Dimensional American Creative Patriotic Art Contest this year to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.

Student entries must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary [insert Name/Post Number] by March 31, (year). Interested students, parents and teachers should contact [insert contact name] at [phone number] or at [email address] for more information.

To download an application, visit https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships.

**About the VFW Auxiliary:** The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations and our members are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. We have nearly 470,000 members representing all 50 states who volunteer millions of hours and give millions of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel and their families.

We are a voice for veterans on Capitol Hill and are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families. We are one of the top 10 providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system. Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families. We also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation's youth. With more than 3,700 Auxiliaries, there is likely one in your area working to improve the lives of America's uncommon heroes. Learn more at www.vfwauxiliary.org.