

VFW SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

VFW YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

This is a reminder that the Scout of the Year Award and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest deadline date for entry will come due in the new year.

For Scout of the Year Award, annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States makes awards to three individuals. These individuals can be Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in illustrating the qualities of that rank.

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above award was received.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

While there is no minimum age requirement (as long as all other eligibility criteria have been met), the maximum age requirement is 18 years old. If an applicant reaches their 18th birthday during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still in high school at the time of the submission deadline of **March 1, 2022**.

It should also be noted that the student does not have to be a military dependent, nor do they need to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate in this program.

Documentation Required:

1. A 3 x 5 picture of the Scout in full uniform.
2. School Participation Record – single page, one-sided resume indicating your academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
3. Scouting Record – three pages maximum, one-sided only. Starting from the beginning of your scouting career.
4. Community Service Record – single page, one-sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations

(excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.

5. Letters of Recommendation – submit three letters no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
 - ❖ In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate’s abilities/accomplishments.
6. Completed Entry Form, which contains the complete rules and eligibility requirements can be found at www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year or by contacting me direct at cjmitchell02531@gmail.com.

Awards are as follows:

- ❖ \$5,000 1st Place National Scholarship
- ❖ \$3,000 2nd Place National Scholarship
- ❖ \$1,000 3rd Place National Scholarship

An entry form must be submitted to VFW Post 392 by no later than **March 1, 2022**. Once received, it will then be advanced to state for judging. If you are chosen to represent the state, your entry form will then advance to National for judging.

In addition to the awards available at the National level as shown above, the individual who is chosen as Post 392’s Scout of the Year will receive an award of \$400 at a ceremony held in the Spring of 2022.

For the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**, this is a reminder that the deadline for entering is **March 31, 2022**.

The scholarship is open to all students in grades 9 to 12, providing they are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. The student does not have to be a military dependent, nor do they need to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate.

Two-and three-dimensional art is acceptable. Digital art, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.

To enter, you submit your application (and artwork) to your local VFW Post, which in this case would be VFW Post 392, Virginia Beach. Judging will commence immediately following the deadline date. If chosen as Post 392's first-place winner, your entry will advance to State, where it will again be judged. If chosen to represent State, your entry will then advance for judging at the National level.

The following is a picture from the first-place national winner from the 2020-2021 year. The winning prize was \$15,000.



This was drawn using Acrylic Paint by an 11th Grade student from Bellevue, Washington.

For those who make it to the National level, listed below are the awards the top twelve-place winners will receive:

First Place: \$15,000 Award

Second Place: \$7,500 Award

Third Place: \$3,500 Award

Fourth-Fifth Place: \$1,500 Award

Sixth Place - \$1,000 Award

Seventh-Twelfth Place: \$500 Award

If you need an entry form, go to www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships, scroll down and click on the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The entry form sets out the complete rules and eligibility requirements. You may also contact me for the entry form at cjmitchell02531@gmail.com.

As mentioned above, Post 392 judges the artwork for advancing the first-place winner onto State. Aside from this, Post 392 also chooses a second and third-place winner for the Post level only. If chosen as Post 392's first, second and third-place winner, you will receive an award of \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively, at an Award Ceremony held in the Spring of 2022.

Again, the entry form for Scout of the Year must be submitted to VFW Post 392 by no later than **March 1, 2022**.

The entry form of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest must be submitted to VFW Post 392 by no later than **March 31, 2022**.

The address to forward your entry form is as follows:

VFW Post 392
Attn: Scholarships
2408 Bowland Parkway
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

You may either mail or drop off your entry form. If mailing, please be sure you give your entry form plenty of time to arrive. If received after March 1, or 31, respectively, it cannot be accepted. Should you decide to drop your entry off, the Post is open seven days a week and is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. If directions are needed, the Post telephone number is (757) 486-5875.

Connie J. Mitchell
Scholarship Chairman
VFW Post 392 Auxiliary