Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!

A national anthem singing contest for youth ages six to16.

CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

- Open to youth ages six to16 years at the time of local entry.
- Contestant must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.
- Contestant does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but must live or attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.

CONTEST RULES

- Video of contestant solo vocal perfomance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" must be recorded between July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.
  - Contestant shall state name and age prior to vocal performance.
- Contestant may sing a cappella, with backing tracks or instruments.
- Contestant may sing in the arrangement and genre of their choice.
- Contestant may **NOT** change the words.
- Complete and sign contest entry form.
  - Parent/Guardian signature required on entry form.

NATIONAL AWARDS

- One winner in each of the 10 National Auxiliary Program Divisions will receive a $100 Visa gift card.
- One national winner will be selected from the 10 National Auxiliary Program Division winners.
  - The national winner will receive an additional $1,000 Visa gift card.

CONTESTANT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

March 31: Entry deadline to VFW Auxiliary.*
Video must be saved to a DVD or flash drive, or uploaded to an online video platform (e.g. YouTube or Vimeo) and submitted with completed entry form to a local Auxiliary for judging.

Maximum one entry per contestant. VFW Auxiliary is not responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected or poor quality video entries. All scores are final as received from the judges. Falsifying information on the entry form is reason for immediate disqualification. All contestants agree to abide by the contest rules Any violation of these rules shall be cause for immediate disqualification and forfeiture of award.

JUDGING AND AUXILIARY DEADLINES

Entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value.

One winner from each VFW Auxiliary advances to the District competition (if applicable).
April 10: Local VFW Auxiliary and District judging complete.

One winner from each District (if applicable) advances to the Department competition.
April 15: Local VFW Auxiliary and District (if applicable) winners to Department (state) Youth Activities Chairman for judging.*

One winner from each Department advances to the National Auxiliary Program Division competition.
May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) winners due to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.*

June: National Auxiliary Program Division winners selected in each of the 10 Auxiliary Program Divisions.

July: One national winner selected from the National Auxiliary Program Division winners.

Winners will be notified the week of August 9, 2021 via the email address provided on the winners' entry form.

** required deadlines*

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CONTEST ENTRY FORM Please print or complete fillable form at www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities.

CONTESTANT NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE _____

I certify that I have met all the contest requirements and that I am the sole author of the attached/enclosed video entry. By entering the contest, I grant the VFW Auxiliary royalty-free rights to use, edit, share, publish and broadcast my contest video entry for the "Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!" national anthem singing contest for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary. I understand the video will not be sold but will remain the property of the VFW Auxiliary.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ENTRIES NOT SPONSORED BY A LOCAL VFW AUXILIARY WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT BEING JUDGED.

SPONSORED BY VFW AUXILIARY # _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

DATE JUDGED _____ VFW AUXILIARY YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

DISTRICT JUDGING *(Optional)*
DATE JUDGED _____ DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

DEPARTMENT JUDGING
DATE JUDGED _____ DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES' SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

Department first-place entry must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by May 5 or it will be disqualified.
Email link to: info@vfwauxiliary.org ATTN: Program Awards Administrator or Mail to: 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

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