

Youth Activities Program

Creating, Sponsoring & Working with Youth Groups

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans • Patriotic Youth Award • Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue • Patriotism through Literacy • Illustrating America

As Auxiliary members, it is our duty to teach and demonstrate to the youth the responsibility of caring for our Veterans and their families. To learn by our actions, that this country is a masterpiece, and the youth are the pieces of the puzzle that we need to mold and oversee so our legacy will thrive and live on...

As part of the Auxiliary Youth Activities Program, and Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group and engage one of programs, including activities to honor our veterans or assist our service members and their families. Involving youth in your programs can bring new membership to your Auxiliaries – members will feel invested in your Auxiliary thus creating a bright future for Auxiliary, Veterans, and the Community as a whole.

Patriotic Youth Award: The Patriotic Youth Award is designed to recognize individual youth for their patriotism and/or support for veterans, service members and their families.

Illustrating America – What is Illustrating America: This is a patriotic art contest for elementary and middle/junior high school students k-8. To encourage student's artistic and creative abilities through drawings and paintings. This visual example of art will display the youth's ideas about America. It is also fun to see how our youth view the world through the drawings and paintings.



Getting Excited for the Red, White, and Blue: This is a contest program for grades K-12 at which your entry will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality/interpretation, and entertainment value. The contest consists of 2 grade divisions: K-8 and 9-12. There will be winners from each Auxiliary, State and National level with awards for first, second and third places in each division.

Patriotism through Literacy: Promote and support reading among youth with this simply, fun and potentially free (use your local library) initiative. Introduce youth to historical figures and teach them about events in our nation's history while fostering a love of reading that can lead to a lifetime of learning. You can participate in Patriotism through Literacy by volunteering to read a book to students in their classroom, host a read-a-thon and award small prizes for the number of books or hours read. Reading has many benefits, including improved grammar and writing skills, focus and concentration.

Involving Youth in ALL Auxiliary Programs: Youth play such an important role in our future. Encourage involvement from an early age in all of your programs. Every young person can find their place to serve when they are presented with a variety of opportunities to serve their communities and veterans. In doing this, you will teach our youth to respect and take pride in our country, appreciate our military, and many other worthy efforts.