

# Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!

A national anthem singing contest for youth in grades K-12.

## CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

- Open to youth in grades K-12 who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- 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.
- Foreign exchange students and students age 20 or older are ineligible. National grade division winners of previous Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! contests may enter the subsequent grade division but are ineligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous national winner.

## CONTEST RULES

- Video of contestant's solo vocal performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" must be recorded between July 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.
  - 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

### Grades K-8

First place: \$500 gift card  
Second place: \$300 gift card  
Third place: \$200 gift card

### Grades 9-12

First place: \$500 gift card  
Second place: \$300 gift card  
Third place: \$200 gift card

## CONTESTANT ENTRY DEADLINE

**March 31: Contestant entries must be submitted to a local VFW Auxiliary.\***

**Video must be saved to a 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. Entries not sponsored by a local VFW Auxiliary will be returned without being judged.**

*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 (optional).*

April 10: Local VFW Auxiliary and District judging complete.

*One winner from each District (optional) advances to the Department competition.*

April 15: Local VFW Auxiliary and District (optional) 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.\*

July: First through third place winners named in each of the two grade divisions. Winners will be notified by August 1 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 [vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities](http://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 and entry form to: [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) or mail to: 406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111, ATTN: Program Awards Administrator

**Katy Post 9182 Auxiliary**

VFW Post 9182  
ATTN: Song Contest  
6206 George Bush Drive Katy, TX 77492

[VFW9182.org](http://VFW9182.org)



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**Katy Post 9182 Auxiliary**

Contact: Betty Edmundson  
281-391-8387 [vfw9182@consolidated.net](mailto:vfw9182@consolidated.net)  
To arrange delivery of application and recording