

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Must be a U.S. Citizen.

Must be sponsored by a Ladies Auxiliary.

Junior Girls may apply for this award and the Junior Girls Scholarship but cannot win both contests in the same year.

Student must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring Ladies Auxiliary.

Previous national winners cannot participate again.

CRITERIA

Judges will consider the number of volunteer activities in which the applicant has been involved. Activities could include volunteering in hospitals and nursing homes, aiding senior citizens, assisting in Buddy Poppy campaigns, providing services to veterans, involvement in scouting, church, or school programs, and other activities which serve the community. In addition, the quality of service will also be considered, such as an individual who has accomplished one truly outstanding achievement.

JUDGING

The Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman will recruit a panel of judges to select one person to be entered in the Department contest.

The Department Youth Activities Chairman will also recruit a panel of judges to select the Department winner who will be forwarded to National Headquarters.

Judges on all levels should be community leaders and individuals who work with young people, such as teachers, church officials, scout leaders, YWCA staff, etc.

HOW TO APPLY

Send Entry Form and three letters of recommendation from the organization for which you volunteer to the Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman. Letter should be on letterhead stationery and should include the following:

- How well you perform the work
- How your volunteer work affects others
- How many hours you spend on each project
- The number of groups for which you volunteer

The "Why I Am A Volunteer" section must be completed by you and must not include more than 150 words explaining how your volunteer efforts go above and beyond normal activities.

NO SCRAPBOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

DEADLINES

Student Deadline -- February 1.
Participants must submit entries to the Ladies Auxiliary by this date.

Department Deadline -- February 15.
Each Auxiliary entry must be received by the Department Youth Activities Chairman by this date.

National Deadline -- February 28.
Department entries must be received at Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters by this date.

NOTE: Volunteer activities must have taken place prior to the year of the contest deadlines. For example, if you are submitting an application by February 1, 2009, then your volunteer activities must have taken place before December 31, 2008. This rule applies for any contest year.

ENTRY FORM

(This form must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation)

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD SPONSORED BY LADIES AUXILIARY VFW

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
(Area Code) Number

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

Person to be listed as co-owner of U.S. Savings Bond

DESCRIBE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES *between January 1 and December 31 of the year prior to the contest deadline.*

LIST ANY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES *prior to January 1:* _____

SPONSORED BY _____
Ladies Auxiliary Name & Number, City, State

DEPARTMENT JUDGING

DATE JUDGED _____

SIGNED BY AUX. YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES SIGNATURE _____

FORWARD AUXILIARY ENTRY TO DEPARTMENT
YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN.

DATE JUDGED _____

SIGNED BY DEPT. YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN _____

CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES SIGNATURE _____

For National Judging the Department winner must be received by
February 28 at Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters,
406 West 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.