



# CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS & AUXILIARY

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**SUBJECT: 2021-2022 NATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Program)**

We have always believed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Programs are one of the most important offices that this organization has. If our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Officers got and kept the interest of our youth, they will remember our organization when they are ready to join. There is a saying that goes something like this – *“The youth of today are our future!”* We need to help channel their energies into constructive pursuits.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Program is responsible for organizing and planning child welfare and youth activities. He or she should also plan, formulate and execute athletic programs for their Post or Unit. We can assist today's youth by helping them cope with their uncertainties of an ever-changing society. We can also help them channel their energies into constructive pursuits and away from the many temptations and negative distractions in their environments. We must encourage them and remind them of every opportunity to display patriotism and honor service to our country.

Activities should be coordinated to involve as many individuals as possible. We will follow the specific rules and regulations regarding the various student contests as recommended by the National Youth Committee.

Each Post and Auxiliary Unit should determine their winners and send to their Department for judging. The Department will then send three (3) winners to National for judging, via email: admin@cwv.org. Posts and Units not under Department jurisdiction should pick one (1) winner and send to National, also via the email address given.

Our goal is to keep young minds busy. A busy mind may be the one link that will have them SAY NO to drugs and alcohol and to keep them law-abiding citizens.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES CONTESTS**

- Grades 3-5** Veterans Day Patriotic Poster Contest – **deadline December 15, 2021**
- Grades 3-5** Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – **deadline January 15, 2022**
- Grades K-2** Valentine’s Day Coloring Book Contest – **deadline March 15, 2022**
- Grades 6-8** Easter Poster Contest – **deadline April 15, 2022**
- Grades 6-8** Essay Contest – choice of topic (see Contest Rules) – **deadline May 15, 2022**
- Grade 12** Thomas J. Cuite & Immaculate Conception Burse Scholarship – **deadline June 30, 2022**

This program requires a considerable amount of time and effort. The following are a few suggestions:

1. Please read the requirements for each activity/contest.
2. Please make note of the deadline / cutoff-due date for each activity.
3. Document everything you do, as it relates to your programs.
4. Please use the required documents contained in this package, for each activity/contest.
5. Check the National Web site and take advantage of forms provided.

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Although the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Program is being run together, Veterans and Auxiliary, as a combined Youth Activities Program, there are still separate Reporting Requirements. Please refer to the CWV 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander’s Program and the CWV Auxiliary 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President’s Program for these specific reporting procedures and requirements.