



SCHOLARSHIPS

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We all know the challenges that face our youth of today. We can help teach them patriotism and love of country while assisting with the cost of furthering their education with our scholarships. The key to success with these scholarships is **PROMOTION**, not only in our schools and communities but also in our Auxiliaries.

“We Tip Our Hats to Vets.” Each of our scholarships encourages patriotism and an inherent respect for our veterans while providing students an opportunity to obtain the education needed to reach their full potential for becoming our Leaders of Tomorrow.

Voice Of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest

This year’s theme is **“America: Where Do We Go From Here?”**

Established in 1947, this contest is open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public, private, or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or in an overseas U.S. military/civilian dependent school. The student must be a resident of the state entered. Foreign exchange students and former winners who placed in the National Finals are excluded from the contest. Please see the student brochure at www.VFWAuxiliary.org. We need to get the information out as soon as possible. Seek out schools and other contact groups such as YMCA, church, Boys and Girls Clubs, newspapers, social media such as Facebook and radio to name a few.

Deadlines:

- VFW Post/Auxiliary - Must receive no later than November 1st
- District Chairman - Must receive no later than November 15th
- Department - Must receive no later than December 1st

Reminders:

- A Post may submit 1 winner for every 15 entries or partial. (Example: Post has 16 entries; it may submit 2 winners to District for judging.
- All entries sent forward to District for judging need to include the following:
 1. Their entry on a CD/flash drive
 2. A printed out copy of the speech
 3. Completed and signed entry form
 4. Post Voice of Democracy Participation Summary Report form.
 5. A head and shoulders photograph.

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

This year's theme is "**How Can I Be A Good American?**"

This contest is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in public, private, or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions, home-schooled students; dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate also. Foreign exchange students and former winners who placed in the National Finals are excluded from the contest. Please see the student brochure at www.VFWAuxiliary.org.

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- All entries sent forward to District for judging need to include the following:
 1. Student's entry form
 2. Essay between 300-400 words in length
 3. Post Patriot's Pen Participation Summary Report form
 4. A head and shoulder photograph

Young American Creative Art Contest

The scholarship program is open to all students in grades 9-12 including home schooled. The artwork must be on a canvas or paper, and no digital artwork is accepted. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen and ink, oil, marker, or other media may be used. Two- and three-dimensional art is accepted. Judging is on patriotism and technique. One department winner will be forwarded to National Headquarters. Please see the student brochure at www.VFWAuxiliary.org for more details on requirements. Students must attend school in the state of the sponsoring auxiliary. We need to get the information out as soon as possible. Seek out schools and other contact groups such as YMCA, church, Boys and Girls Clubs, newspapers, social media such as Facebook and radio to name a few.

Deadlines:

- VFW Post/Auxiliary - Must receive no later than March 31st
- Department Chairman - Must receive no later than April 15th
- National Scholarship Chairman - Must receive no later than May 5th

Reminders:

- **DO NOT FRAME!** Submit canvas entries on stretched frames. **OTHER ENTRIES MUST BE MATTED ON WHITE.** Do not use any other color mats in matting; use heavy paper to reinforce back. Mounted and floating mats may also be used.
- The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat.
- Be sure to complete entry form and attach to back of entry. (*Double check to make sure ALL of the required signatures are there*)
- Please note that entry must be sponsored by a VFW Auxiliary or a foreign-based VFW Auxiliary or Post.
- Package art so that it can be mailed without being damaged.
- If the American Flag is in your entry, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code as far as color, number of stars and stripes, and other pertinent rules of the code.
- Three-dimensional art can be paper, papier-mache, pottery, sculpture, fabric, wood, metal work, etc. Pieces **cannot weigh more than 5 pounds.**
- **Digital art, photography, and jewelry are not accepted.**

Continuing Education Scholarship

The VFW Auxiliary is pleased to present scholarships to assist members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a technical school. The spouse, daughter or son (only) of a member is also eligible to apply. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older. Qualifying member must have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for at least one (1) year prior to application. Previous National Winners are not eligible. Please see form at www.VFWAuxiliary.org/scholarships.

Deadlines: Must be received at National by February 15th.

Mail completed application to:

Director of Programs
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111
OR email it to info@vfwauxiliary.org

\$1,000.00 will be awarded to an applicant in each of the four Conferences. Applications may be found at www.VFWAuxiliary.org/scholarships.

Statewide Project

Did you know that only the top five Young American Creative Patriotic Art contestants receive a substantial monetary award at the National level? After fifth place, the awards are \$500. Have a fund-raiser and/or publicity event to help promote the Patriotic Art program and support local winners of these scholarships. This can help promote the program in many ways: word of mouth among the participants, newspaper, or television coverage. The more publicity, the better for our programs. Consider passing the coffee can at each meeting and asking for the change in people's pockets. Raffles and silent auctions are also good ways to increase funds. We can increase the escrow fund. Make it fun! Remember to earmark these monies as Patriotic Art Scholarship Escrow Fund.

Awards

1. Plaque to the Auxiliary in each Membership Division with the **Best "Statewide Project."** Citation 2nd and 3rd.
2. Plaque to the Auxiliary in each Membership Division with the **Best "Reporting."** Citation 2nd and 3rd.

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"Soaring Above & Beyond"