

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THIS PROGRAM!!
CONTACT local school, Junior ROTC Units, churches, youth sport team, Parent-Teacher Association, and other youth groups in your area.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM provides substantial financial assistance to pay for higher education tuition and expenses. Scholarship opportunities are available for students enrolled in grades 6 to 12. What a great way to encourage patriotism and help students reach their full potential. APPLICATION forms and complete rules for all contests may be obtained by contacting Department Chairman Joan Barnhart or at www.vfwauxilliary.org/scholarship

2023 – 2024 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY -Three to Five Minute Audio Essay Contest
Theme is: “What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?”

The Voice of Democracy 3 to 5 minutes audio essay contest is open to all students grades 9 to 12, including those who attend private schools and homeschooled students. Students must be a resident of the state where their essay is entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

DEALINES: All entries must be received at the local Post by midnight October 31,2023. Post judging to be completed by November 15,2023. District judging must be completed by December 15,2023; one winner forward to Department. Department judging completed January 10,2024. Department winner forward to VFW National Headquarter by January 15,2024

National Awards: First Place-\$35,000 scholarship; Second Place - \$21,000 scholarship Third Place - \$15,000 scholarship; Fourth through 36th Place - \$7,000 to \$1,500 scholarship; 37th – 53rd Place - \$1,000 scholarship. The first place Department winner will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

2023 – 2024 PATRIOT’S PEN ESSAY CONTEST

Theme: “How are you inspired by America?” The **Patriot’s Pen** 300-to-400-word written essay contest is open to all students enrolled in grades 6 to 8, including those who attend private schools and homeschooled students. Students must be a resident of the state where their essay is entered. One Department winner will be forward to VFW National Headquarters.

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NATIOAL PATRIOT’ S PEN AWARDS: Frist Place - \$ 5,000; Second - \$4,000
Third Place - \$3,500; Fourth though 53rd Place - \$2,750 to \$500.00.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Continuing Education Scholarship is open to any VFW Auxiliary member who has been a member for at least a year, their spouse, son, or daughter with financial need. Entrants must be 21 years old by February 15, 2024. The Continuing Education Scholarship is \$1,250 and is awarded to one winner in each of the four Conferences. Application must be received at Auxiliary National Headquarters by February 15, 2024. Program Awards Administrator VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
409 West 34th Street – 10th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111.13,2024.

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST AND 3-DIMENSIONAL CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

Are open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in public, private, or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme, creativity, and technique. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters. More information and application are available from Department Scholarship Chairman or the National website: www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships.

Deadlines: All entries must be received at local VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2024

Local Auxiliary Judging Complete – April 10, 2024

District Judging is Optional -

VFW Auxiliary Department Judging by April 15, 2024

Forward to National Headquarters by May 5, 2024

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Awards First Place - \$15,000 - Second Place - \$7,500 –
Third Place \$ 3,500 - Fourth Place - \$2,500 - Fifth and Sixth Place - \$1,500 – Seventh and Eighth Place - \$1,000
Ninth through Nineteenth Place - \$500.00

3-Dimensional Creative Patriotic Art Contest National Scholarship Awards

First Place - \$2,500 – Second Place - \$ 1,000 - Third Place - \$500.00

“Banding Together for Our Veterans”

“Light The Flame of Hope for Our Veterans”

