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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021—2022

Welcome to a new year for Scholarships. I am excited to be the Chairman this year. It's going to be a great year! The VFW Auxiliary has several scholarship programs to help students in grades 6-12. We also have a program for adults who would like to continue their education. We work with the VFW on the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay contests.

The success of this program is involving those in schools, homeschooled, and church and youth groups. Now is the time to start promoting this. You can start advertising in the paper, on radio or on social media. Below is an outline of each scholarship program and their themes for the year.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

The theme this year is "America: Where Do We Go From Here?". This essay contest is open to students in grades 9-12 and they must be a resident of Missouri. The entry form and brochures can be downloaded at: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters. Essay must be recorded to an audio, cd or flash drive. The recording must be between 3-5 minutes long (plus or minus 5 seconds). The typed Essay, the recording and entry form must be turned into your local VFW.

Deadlines are: Entries to local VFW Post – Midnight, October 31, 2021

Post Judging Complete – November 15, 2021

District Judging Complete – December 15, 2021

Department Judging Complete – January 10, 2022

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15, 2022

PATRIOT'S PEN

The theme this year is "How Can I Be a Good American?". This essay contest is open to students in grades 6-8 and a resident of Missouri. The entry form and brochures can be downloaded at: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters. Essays must be no less than 300 words and can't exceed 400 words. The Essay and entry form must be turned into your local VFW.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This is open to any VFW Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least a year), their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. They must be at least 18 years old. Submit application and an Essay (not more than 300 words) to National Headquarters by February 15, 2022. Scholarship application opens July 1, 2021. One winner from the Big Ten Conference will win \$1,000. Application and brochure can be found at:
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education/>

Mail Entries to:
Program Awards Administrator
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111
Or via email: info@vfwauxiliary.org

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship is to honor 2 National Presidents for their service. They are Mabel Tanner and Glenneta Vogelsang. One is for \$1800 and one is for \$1200. The students must show leadership qualities. They must have or have had a family member that was a member of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Form can be found at: <http://movfwaux.org/scholarship/>. Application, 2 references, school transcript and a brief essay (300 words max) highlighting your community involvement, your volunteer activities, the honors you have received, and any organizations you have participated in or out of your school need to be submitted to the Department Chairman by April 15, 2022

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

This contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Students do not have to be related to members of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. Two- and Three-Dimensional Art forms Accepted. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters. The first-place National winner will receive a \$15,000 scholarship. Awards are also given at District and Department levels. Students will submit an application and short essay about their artwork. Brochures will be out after the National

Convention and can be found at: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>

Deadlines are: Entries to local VFW Post – March 31, 2022
Department – April 15, 2022
National Headquarters – May 5, 2021

It is important that scholarship and contest winners receive recognition at every level. Ways to recognize winners are: Present a certificate and/or gift, ask the winner to give a speech or lead the Pledge of Allegiance at an Auxiliary event, Host an awards ceremony, present awards at a school assembly, contact local media to feature winners in the news (sample press releases available online at <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources>), invite winners to participate in a conference, and don't forget to recognize the parents and teachers.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

One Auxiliary from each membership group will win a \$50 prize for the Most Outstanding Project for promoting the Scholarship program.

One Chairman will win a \$50 prize and their Auxiliary will receive a Certificate for the Most Outstanding Project for promoting the Scholarship program.

NATIONAL AWARDS

National Scholarship program awards for Auxiliaries.

1. Most outstanding promotion of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.
 - a. Citation to every Auxiliary that promotes the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Criteria and entry form (required) available at <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources>. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2022

Citation will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

- b. Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding promotion of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.