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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM September/October 2021

By now school has started and you should have contacted your local schools, church/youth groups and homeschool groups. If not, now is the time. Information can be passed out anytime. You can also find sample press releases at www.vfwauxiliary.org to do radio and newspaper spots. Social media is another great way to promote the scholarships.

Please make sure they are turned in on time and instructions are followed so the entries are not disqualified. As Chairman, it is your responsibility to make sure that the criteria are met. Before turning entries over to judges, have students correct small errors that may disqualify them.

Some tips on Judges: Minimum of 3, they should be from outside the post/auxiliary, make sure to invite them with plenty of time to set aside in their schedules, invite them to your awards event, Judges decisions are final.

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen deadline to Post is October 31st. Post judging completed by November 15th and to the District by November 22nd. District 1st place entries (and headshots) are to be submitted to the Department Chairperson by December 15th.

Scholarship winners should be recognized at every level. Students have worked hard on their entries and we need to let them know we appreciate the time they took to enter our contest.

Dates to remember:

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen due to local Post by October 31, 2021
Continuing Education Scholarship due to National Headquarters by February 15, 2022
Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest due to local Post by March 31, 2022
Past National President's Scholarship due to Department Chairman by April 15, 2022

All contest forms can be found online at either www.vfw.org or the National President's Scholarship form on www.vfwauxiliary.org.

Make sure you go over the eligibility and rules so you can answer questions.