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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has a great upcoming year. The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen judging should be completed on the local and District level and is now in the hands of the Department. Make plans to celebrate your local and District winners. The Department Scholarship Banquet is during the winter C of A in St Louis, February 4-6, 2021. This is something that everyone should attend at least once, to hear the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners give their speech. Hope to see you there.

**Continuing Education Scholarship:** This is for anyone 18 years of age or older. The applicant must be one of the following: Current VFW Auxiliary Member\*, Spouse, Son or Daughter of current VFW Auxiliary Member\*.

*\*Qualifying member must have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one (1) year by the application submission deadline.*

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences.

Each applicant must: answer all questions on the [application](#), and write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain those goals.

Application process began on July 1, 2021 and must be submitted to the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by February 15, 2022. Scholarship recipients will be notified May 1, 2022.

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest:** This contest is open to students in grades 9-12 and has a top national award of \$15,000. Students must attend school in Missouri. Students can choose to submit a two- or three-dimensional piece of artwork with a patriotic theme. Along with the artwork, students will submit an application and a short essay about the patriotism expressed in the art. All rules can be found in the contest brochure. The deadline for students is **March 31** to local Auxiliaries. Auxiliary winners should be sent directly to **me by April 15** – there is no district judging for the art contest. Please take care when packaging the art work. Preferred shipping for artwork is UPS.

### Dates to remember:

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

These contest forms can be found online at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org)

Past National President's Scholarship due to Department Chairperson by April 15, 2022

This contest form can be found online at <http://movfwaux.org/scholarship/>

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