

SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

PROGRAM GOALS

**Student Participation - Recipient Recognition - Community Awareness
Increasing the Fund**

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS THEME
ONE FAMILY-ONE VOICE-ONE TEAM

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS THEME
"FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES"
EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS

It is always a great honor to serve the Department of Florida as a program chairman.

This year we are going to go full force to make sure that we reach every school, and we get the word out to all the home schooled students that we at the VFW Auxiliary, and VFW Posts are offering a golden opportunity to try to obtain a scholarship which can help them to attain their ultimate goals in life.

Education has changed so much over the last five years, that we need to adjust to the ever changing way the students of today are receiving their education. We have to be ready to use every avenue available to us to get the word out. We need to be completely involved in the advertisement of these programs. Word of mouth is always a way to get people talking about this program, but we need to make use of all available informational pamphlets that our organization has prepared for us to use.

As an organization we are committed to our respective communities and the people there, we are always and ever committed to our Veterans. With that thought in mind, remember that almost every student that enters our contests, I am sure is related in some way to a Veteran.

So many people are not aware of all the programs offered by the VFW Auxiliary and it is our duty to get that information to them. Be committed to your program and in that way you will make it a great success. The statistics on the cost of an extended education is at an all-time high, so any help these students can get is a plus.

The Voice of Democracy Theme: Is America Today our Forefathers Vision

The Patriots Pen Theme : "My Voice In America's Democracy"

Patriots Pen Essay is for grades 6-8. Your job is to get the teachers to encourage their students to enter.

Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest is for grades 9-12. Again your job is to make sure you get the cooperation of the teachers. Talk to the principals and student councilor's, and get them as excited as you are.

Information will be available on MALTA and our Dept. Website. Please use this material.

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Art Contest: This contest is open to grades 9-12. Again be sure you make art teachers, principals, student councilor's aware of this contest and always be sure they are all aware of the deadlines coinciding with these programs.

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SCHOLARSHIP
DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities through the VFW Auxiliary.
 - Special Award to one (1) Auxiliary in each of the membership classes for Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities through the VFW Auxiliary. Entry form required and available on Dept. Website and in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2025, for judging.
2. Certificate to all Auxiliaries who have promoted the following:
 - Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest and Patriots Pen Essay Contest.
Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

NATIONAL AWARDS
Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.

Entry form required and available in Dept. Website and MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging. The Department Scholarships Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Scholarships Ambassador by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Awards for Departments and Department Chairmen

1. \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one Department Scholarships Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best promotion of scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.
2. The Outstanding Performance Award and Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award will be awarded in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on the criteria listed on Page 5 and for the promotion of the Program goals listed at the top of Page 46.

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.