



Dept of Florida VFW Auxiliary Scholarships Program November 2026

Growing Stronger for Our Veterans

Plant the Seeds. Inspire the Voice. Create the Future.

Celebrate participants with your Post

Give Thanks and Keep Opportunities Growing! Thank you for helping students share their voices this fall! As we honor veterans this month, let's keep those school and community connections growing!

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Plan a Red-Carpet celebration for all participants. Choose a date, approve a budget, prepare certificates and invite families and teachers. Give students a chance to share their work and honor the veterans who inspired them.

Save your event photos and invitations. The National Red Carpet award entry form is due to the Department Scholarships Chairman by **March 31, 2027**.

Spotlight Continuing Education

Who in your Auxiliary family is returning to school? Share the application with members, spouses, sons and daughters age 21 or older who need help pursuing college or vocational training. The qualifying member must have one year of membership by the deadline. Four \$2,250 scholarships are available, one per Conference. Use MALTA Member Resources—Scholarships.

Due February 15, 2027, to National Headquarters.

Reconnect with high school artists

Contact art teachers, homeschool groups and community art programs. Share current forms for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and the separate 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest, both for grades 9–12.

Student entries are due March 31, 2027, to a participating Auxiliary. Review size, media and artist statement requirements with educators before students begin. Arrange a December progress check before winter break.

A little planning now helps December

Before Thanksgiving, confirm school contacts, schedule early-December reminders and arrange entry pickup or drop-off details. Have recognition dates, volunteers and supplies ready before holiday calendars fill.

Partner with Youth Activities: Illustrating America entries for grades K–8 are due to participating Auxiliaries **December 15, 2026**. Help share current forms, check that families know the deadline and arrange collection and judging with the Youth Activities Chairman.

High school Patriotic Art entries remain due March 31.

Include scholarships in holiday giving

Consider an approved Seeds for Scholarships display or fundraiser supporting the National Continuing Education Scholarship Fund, National Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund, or local awards and recognition. Select the purpose and approve the plan in November.

December Red-Carpet Idea

Cocoa, Cookies & the Red-Carpet

A welcoming December celebration with hot chocolate, donated cookies and a festive photo backdrop. Introduce each participant, present a certificate and invite families to take photos together. Add a "Sweet Words of Encouragement" table where members write personal congratulations.

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