

Dept. of Florida VFW Auxiliary



Scholarships Program June 2026

Plant the Seeds. Inspire the Voice. Create the Future.
June Focus: Start Strong. Plan Ahead. Plant the Seeds.

Scholarships are more than contests and awards — they are opportunities to encourage patriotism, creativity, leadership, education, and service in our communities.

Important Scholarship Dates to Remember

July 1, 2026 — Continuing Education Scholarship application process begins

October 31, 2026 — Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen entries **due** to participating VFW Posts

February 15, 2027 — Continuing Education applications **due** to National Headquarters

March 31, 2027 — Patriotic Art and 3-D Patriotic Art entries **due** to participating Auxiliaries

March 31, 2027 — Red Carpet Recognition entry form **due** to Department Scholarships Chairman

Promote Continuing Education

Begin identifying Auxiliary members, spouses, sons, and daughters who may qualify for the Continuing Education Scholarship.

Prepare for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

Connect with your VFW Post to ask how the Auxiliary can help promote the 2026–2027 theme: **“What a Veteran Taught Me About America.”**

Plan Recognition Early

Begin thinking about how your Auxiliary can **Roll Out the Red Carpet** for Scholarship participants later this year. Recognition can be simple: certificates, photos, refreshments, patriotic decorations, or go big!

Seeds for Scholarships Fundraising Idea

June is also a great time to begin talking about Scholarship donations. Many Auxiliaries will be discussing yearly program contributions at their **July meetings**. Please remember to include **Scholarships** in that conversation.

Consider a donation to:

National Continuing Education Scholarship Fund
National Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund
Local student awards & recognition events

Create a **“Seeds for Scholarships”** donation display at a meeting (after approval). Members can “plant a seed” by making a donation or voting to include Scholarships in yearly program giving.

Suggested giving ideas:

\$1 — Plant a seed

\$5 — Help a student grow

\$10 — Inspire a voice

\$25 — Support a future scholar

\$50 or more — Grow the future of Scholarships

Please reach out to me if you have any questions!

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