

# SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

## Program Goals:

**Student Participation**  
**Community Awareness**

**Recipient Recognition**  
**Increasing the Fund**

## DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S THEME

*"Champion for Veterans"*

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S THEME

*"Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care"*

As your Scholarships Chairman, my goals for the 2022-2023 Scholarship Program are simple and attainable. We all need to participate more so our youth will participate more as it is vitally important, we keep America's youth interested in patriotism and aware of the military, the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.

Participating in these Scholarship Programs will incite students to think about America and the freedoms we enjoy. It will also remind them of the sacrifices made for their freedom and spark their excitement. These young people are the future of our organization, and we need to keep them engaged and interested.

- **FALL: Voice of Democracy; Patriots Pen - Both due to your Post by 10/31/23**  
*Start early! Reach out to schools and advertise locally in August, when school starts. Teachers may want to work these Essay Contests into their lesson plans.*
  - *Put an article in the local newspaper.*
  - *Speak to a scout troop, your local ROTC, guidance counselors and school administrators.*
  - *Send reminders – most teachers can be emailed.*
  - *Be sure to celebrate the winners.*
- **WINTER: Continuing Education - Submit to National Headquarters by 2/15/23**  
*Open to all Auxiliary members (must be a member for at least one year), their spouses or their children age 18 or older and is need based. A 300-word essay is required.*
- **SPRING: Young American Patriotic Art Contest *and new this year* - Young American 3- Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest – entries to Post by 3/31/23**  
*These two art scholarships have specific criteria as to medium, size, etc. Get the word out in January so teachers and students will have time to create their artwork.*
  - *Visit the school, talk to the students. Invite them to your post for an "Ice Cream and Paint Night" to work on their projects. Show them examples of past entries and winners. These scholarships are funded based on our contributions so please plan to do set aside some funds from an event to contribute to **Fund the Artist of Tomorrow.***

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Each scholarship offered has specific rules and deadlines. Please refer to the Scholarships Tab under Program Info on the Department Website for specifics, brochures, ideas and more. If you have a question or a great idea, please let me know. I look forward to making the Department shine in this Program and my challenge is that every Auxiliary submit scholarship applications for each type of scholarship we offer.

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

- 1. Most outstanding promotion and/or participation of the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest.**
  - Special Award to one (1) Auxiliary each of the four (4) Membership classes for **the Most Outstanding promotion of the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest.**  
*Criteria and entry form required [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources), Must be sent to the Department Scholarship Chairman by March 31, 2023.*

## NATIONAL AWARDS:

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- 1. Most outstanding promotion and/or participation of the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest.**
  - Citation to every Auxiliary that promotes and/or participates in the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest.  
*Criteria and entry form (required) available at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources) Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2023. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.*
  - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the **most outstanding promotion and/or participation in the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest.**  
*Winners will be announced, and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.*

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