

# SCHOLARSHIPS



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



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The VFW Auxiliary is proud to offer and participate in scholarship contests that help further the education of our nation's youth, our members and their immediate family members.

## Continuing Education

### Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
- Applicant must be one of the following:
  - Current VFW Auxiliary Member\*
  - Spouse of current VFW Auxiliary Member\*
  - Son of current VFW Auxiliary Member\*
  - Daughter of current VFW Auxiliary Member\*

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

### What is the Scholarship Amount?

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

### What are the Scholarship Submission Requirements?

Each applicant must:

- Answer all questions on the application.
- Write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain these goals.

### What are the Scholarship Deadlines?

- July 1: Application process begins.
- February 15: All applications must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.\*
- May 1: Scholarship recipients are notified.

*\* required deadlines*

## Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

### Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Any student in grades 9-12 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

### What is the Scholarship Amount?

- The first-place winner from each Department (state) competes for national awards totaling \$33,000.

### Please note:

- Digital art, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.

### What are the Scholarship Submission Requirements?

- **Two-dimensional art** must be on canvas or paper. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media taught may be used.
- Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames or canvas board; other entries must be matted on white.
- Do not frame.
- Art should be no smaller than 8" x 10", but no larger than 18" x 24", not including the mat.
- **Three dimensional art** can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, etc.
- Pieces should be no larger than 18" in any direction.
- Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight.

### What are the Scholarship Deadlines?

- March 31: Student Entry Deadline to VFW Auxiliary.\*
- April 10: VFW Auxiliary and District Judging Complete.
- April 15: VFW Auxiliary and District Winners to Department (state) for Judging.\*
- May 5: VFW Auxiliary Department (state) Winners to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.\*

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**For Applications or More Information, visit [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org)**

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## Patriot's Pen

### Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Any student in grades 6-8 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.
- Does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must submit entries to a local VFW Post.

### What is the Scholarship Amount?

- The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- The first-place winner from each Department (state) competes for national awards with each first-place Department (state) winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

### What are the Scholarship Submission Requirements?

- Students write a 300-400 word essay expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

### What are the Scholarship Deadlines?

- October 31: Student Entry Deadline to VFW Post.\*
- November 15: VFW Post Judging Complete.
- December 15: VFW District Judging Complete.
- January 10: VFW Department (state) Judging Complete.
- January 15: VFW Department (state) Winners to VFW National Headquarters.\*
- January 31: VFW Department (state) Reports to VFW National Headquarters.\*

*\*required deadlines*

## Voice of Democracy

### Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Any student in grades 9-12 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.
- Does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must submit entries to a local VFW Post.

### What is the Scholarship Amount?

- The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school.
- Other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

### What are the Scholarship Submission Requirements?

- Students record their reading of their essay to a flash drive/USB or electronically submitted, via an audio file attached to an email (CD's will no longer be accepted). The recording can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes (plus or minus five seconds). Their recording, typed version of their essay and the Voice of Democracy entry form must be submitted to their local participating VFW Post by the October 31 deadline.

### What are the Scholarship Deadlines?

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- November 15: VFW Post Judging Complete.
- December 15: VFW District Judging Complete.
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