

# SCHOLARSHIPS



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.

Visit [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships) for deadlines and submission requirements.

## Young American Creative & 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contests

### 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.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) to become a U.S. citizen.

### What is the Scholarship Amount?

- Young American Creative Patriotic Art: (two-dimensional artwork only.) The first-place winner from each Department (state) competes for National awards totaling \$34,000.
- 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art: (three-dimensional artwork only) The first-place winner from each Department (state) competes for National awards totaling \$4,000.

**Please note:** Digital art, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.

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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.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) to become a U.S. citizen.
- Foreign exchange students or former winners who placed in the National contest are ineligible.

### 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.

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## 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.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) to become a U.S. citizen.
- Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, previous Voice of Democracy first-place winners, GED or adult education students are ineligible.

### 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.

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