**Scholarships**

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We can **“Respect…Honor…Remember”** our Veterans by acknowledging the debt of gratitude we owe every one of them for their sacrifices.

Our National Ambassador Melody Faye writes, “through written and oral essay competitions, young Americans preserve the legacy of American Patriots, describe Democracy as ruled by the people and advocate patriotism through fresh eyes and their young voices.”

By helping to educating our youth we ensure they have the means to fulfill their potential. With our Scholarships Programs we introduce our communities, educators, and parents to our VFW and Auxiliary. Every member of our VFW and Auxiliary Team, working together - makes it easier for our programs to work as they are designed.

Our goal every year, is to make each of these Scholarship Competitions available to more and more students! We need every Pennsylvania VFW and Auxiliary doing their best to participate and promote each contest to the best of their abilities with **“Hands that Serve, Hearts That Care.”**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2022-2023**

**Student Participation - Recipient Recognition - Community Awareness, and**

**Increasing The Fund!!!**

**CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is designed to assist our members or their family by helping with the economic burden of secondary education. It is ONLY awarded to a current Auxiliary member in good standing, (who must be a member for at least one year,) to his/her spouse, or his/her child who have a financial need. The Scholarship is paid directly to the American College, University, or Vocational/Technical school of the student’s choice. Do you fit these qualifications? The VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters receives less than 100 applications per year!

Entrants must be at least 18 years old, complete the application, and write a statement (of 300 words or less) describing their commitment to their goals, and how this scholarship would help them reach those goals by lessening the financial impact of returning to school. Application and statement must be received at National Headquarters by February 15, 2023.

Mail completed application to: Program Awards Administrator

 VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111

 or email to: info@vfwauxiliary.org

One $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one applicant from each of the four Conferences.

Applications are available at vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education

**YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST**

**THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS CHANGED! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

This scholarship provides students with the opportunity to express their idea of Patriotism using their artistic talents. The competition is available to 9th-12th grade students, enrolled in a public, private, or parochial 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, by the March 31st deadline. The maximum age of the student at time of entry is 19, and they must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National. The student is not required to be a VFW or Auxiliary member’s child, but must attend a school in the same state as the sponsoring Auxiliary.

**Only Two-dimensional** art is allowed and may be done - in oils, watercolors, pencil, pastels, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, or pen-and-ink, may be used. Artwork must be on canvas, or paper. Art should not be smaller than 8 x 10”, nor larger than 18 x 24,” excluding mat. Canvas entries must be on stretcher frames or canvas board. All entries not on stretcher frames or canvas board may be matted with only white matboard, and must be reinforced with heavy paper or cardboard on the back so it does not bend. Mounted matting is permissible, but must be white. Do not frame entries. If the American flag is shown in the art, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code. Entries are judged on the Patriotic theme and technique.

Students shall submit their artwork with an entry form and a brief description of the patriotism being express in the artwork, attached securely to the back. (150 words or less, typed and in English.) Please download the fillable entry form, and also must be attached to the back of the art. Complete rules are available at: vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships.

Each Auxiliary may sponsor one winner. District judging is not required. Package the artwork securely to prevent damage in transit, and ship to:

 Joan Faddis

 Department Scholarships Chairman

 12 Melissa Lane, Downingtown, PA 19335-1255

**DEADLINES:** Entries received by: Local VFW Auxiliary by March 31,2023

 VFW Auxiliary Department Chairman by April 15, 2023

Artwork being submitted must be picked up at the conclusion of Department Convention in Harrisburg by the submitting student, Auxiliary, their representative or it will not be returned!

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS:**

First Place - $300.00 Second Place - $200.00 Third Place - $100.00

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

 First Place $15,000

 Second $7,500

 Third $3,500

 Fourth & Fifth $1,500

 Sixth $1,000

 Seventh –Thirteenth $500

All Scholarships are paid directly to the American College, University, Vocational, Technical or Trade School of the winners’ choice.

**3-DIMENSIONAL ART CONTEST**

**THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS NEW THIS YEAR! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

The 3-Dimensional Art Contest promotes Patriotism while recognizing young artists in grades 9th-12th. The contest accepts three-dimensional art that can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, sculpture, metal, fabric, etc. (See the official rules for art forms that are allowed.)

The competition is available to 9th-12th grade students, enrolled in a public, private, or parochial 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. The maximum age of the student at time of entry is 19, and they must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National. The student must attend a school in the same state as the sponsoring Auxiliary, but is not required to be a VFW/Auxiliary member’s relative.

Pieces should be no smaller than 8” and no larger than 24” in any direction. Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight. Currently digital art, photography and jewelry are not eligible.

Students shall submit their artwork with an entry form and a brief description of the patriotism being express in the artwork. (150 words or less, typed and in English.) Please download the fillable entry form and complete rule, which are available at:

vfwauxiliary.org/wpcontent/uploads/Creative-Patriotic-Art-Form-Fillable-For-Website.pdf

Each Auxiliary may sponsor one winner. District judging is not required. Package the artwork securely to prevent damage in transit, and ship to:

 Joan Faddis

 Department Scholarships Chairman

 12 Melissa Lane

 Downingtown, PA 19335-1255

**DEADLINES:** Entries received by the local Auxiliary: March 31, 2023

 Entries received by the Department Chairman: April 15, 2023

Artwork being submitted must be picked up at the conclusion of Department Convention in Harrisburg by the submitting student, Auxiliary, their representative or it will not be returned!

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

First Place - $150.00 Second Place - $100.00 Third Place - $50.00

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

First Place - $2,500

 Second - $1,000

 Third - $500

All Scholarships are paid directly to the American University, College, or Vocational/Technical School of the student’s choice.

**YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST &**

**3-DIMENSIONAL PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST ESCROW FUND**

Each year, there are more than 80 First-place Department Patriotic Art Student winners who are unrewarded on the National Level. Due to the extremely limited funding, only 14 students for the two contests receive a scholarship. Please consider helping us increase not only the number of students we can reward, but also to increase the amount of the awards given, by hosting fundraising events or donating to the Escrow Fund establish for these contests. Donations must be earmarked and sent to: VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.

Attn: Patriotic Art Fund

406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor

Kansas City, MO 64111

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AUDIO/ESSAY CONTEST**

**2022 - 2023 Theme:** “**WHY IS THE VETERAN IMPORTANT?”**

This competition was created to give high school students a forum to express their opinions by writing an essay on a specific theme and recording their speech. Sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Auxiliary is in partnership with the comrades to promote and encourage youth participation.

The Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest is open to students in grades 9-12 by October 31, 2022. Students can be enrolled in public, private, parochial high school, or an approved home study program in the United States. Its territories or possessions; or dependents of U.S. Military or civilian personnel in overseas school. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawfully U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application of which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Please download the complete rules and official entry form at: vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

Students are required to write an essay answering the specific topic, then record the essay on either a CD or flash drive. The speech is to be between 3 – 5 minutes (+ or – 5 seconds) in length, and in English. The entry application, CD or flash drive, and a printed copy of the essay are then submitted to the local VFW for judging. Judging is done on the recording. District level winners are required to submit a head and shoulders photograph along with their entries.

Foreign Exchange students and former winners who placed in the National Contest are excluded. Complete lists of all contest rules can be found at: vfw.org/community/youth-and education. Each VFW Post & Auxiliary may sponsor 1 entry for each 15 entries or a part thereof, to advance to the District Level of judging. One winner from each District then advances to the Department level of judging**. PLEASE, DO NOT MAIL DISTRICT LEVEL WINNERS TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS!**

 MAIL TO: Mr. Glenn Owen

 Department of Pennsylvania

 VFW VOD Chairman

 8563 RT 467

 LeRaysville, PA 18829.

**DEADLINES:** Entries to VFW Post: Midnight, October 31, 2022

 Completion of Post Judging: November 18, 2022

 Completion of District Judging: December 3, 2022

 District Winner to State Chairman: December 9, 2022

 State Judging: December 11, 2022 – Subject to change

 Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters: January 15, 2023

**DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY AWARDS**

First Place - $300.00 Second Place - $200.00 Third Place - $100.00

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

First Place - $30,000

 Second - $16,000

 Third - $10,000

 Fourth through 36th - $7,000 to $1,500

 37th – 53th - $1,000

**PENNSYLVANIA VOICE OF DEMOCRACY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

The Teacher of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and dedication made by teachers who support and promote the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition in their classrooms. The Department of Pennsylvania will recognize one educator who has made an outstanding effort to promote this program in their school during this school year. Posts and Auxiliaries are encouraged to nominate and submit one teacher to their district for judging. Each District will submit one nominee to be sent to VOD Chairman Glenn Owen for final selection for the award. **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:** October 31, 2022.

**DEPARTMENT AWARD**

$100.00 and a Plaque

PLEASE NOTE: This Award is different from the – SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD.

**PATRIOT’S PEN ESSAY CONTEST**

**2022 – 2023 Theme: “MY PLEDGE TO OUR VETERANS”**

This competition is provided for all students in 6th - 8th grades by October 31, 2022, enrolled in a public, private, parochial school, or an approved home study program in the U.S., its territories, or its possessions. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residency (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign Exchange students and former winners who placed in the National Contest are excluded.

Please download the complete rules and official entry form at: vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

Essays should be 300 – 400 (+ or – 5 words) of the student’s own words printed in English. (Every word counts regardless of length, excluding the title and footnotes.) The student may not identify themselves by name, grade, race, or nationality. Graphics and color are not permitted on the essays. District level winners will be required to submit a head and shoulders photograph along with their entries.

The essays and application forms are submitted by the schools to the VFW Post for judging. Each VFW Post may sponsor 1 entry for each 15 entries or a part thereof, to advance to the District Level of judging. One winner from each District advances to the Department judging, and one Department winner advances to the National finals.

**DEADLINES:** Entries to the Sponsoring VFW Post – Midnight, October 31, 2022

 Post Judging Complete – November 15, 2022

 District Judging Complete – December 15, 2022\*\*\*TBD by Ben Lipschutz

 Department Judging Complete – January 10, 2023

 Winner to National VFW HQ – January 15, 2023

**PLEASE,** **DO NOT MAIL WINNERS TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS!**

MAIL TO: Mr. Benjamin Lipschutz, Chairman

 Department of PA, Patriot’s Pen Essay

 402 Center Street, Enola, PA 17025

**DEPARTMENT AWARD**

First Place - $150.00 and a Plaque

**NATIONAL AWARDS**

 First - $5,000

 Second - $4,000

 Third - $3,500

 Fourth through 53rd: - $2,750 - $500

**SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS AND CITATIONS**

1. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the first, second and third place winners of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.
2. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the first, second and third place winners of the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest.
3. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the first, second and third place winners of the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition.
4. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the first, second and third place winners of the Patriot’s Pen Essay Competition.
5. Citation to the District Chairman with the most outstanding promotion of the Scholarships Program. (Based on **Monthly** reporting to the Department Scholarships Chairman.\*)
6. Citation to the Auxiliary Chairman with the most outstanding promotion of the Scholarships Program. (Based on **Monthly** reporting to the Department Scholarships Chairman.\*)

\*Monthly reporting means a report sent every month, that includes a copy of your promotion. (i.e.: What you handed out at your meeting, what you spoke about, how you encourage your members to participate, etc.) Sending 4 reports at once is not monthly reporting. However, I will accept April, through August reports all sent in August 2021, no later!!!

**ALL OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING AUDITS, BONDS, DELEGATE FEES, PLEDGES, SUPPLIES, ETC. TO NATIONAL, DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICT MUST BE MET FOR YOUR AUXILIARY/DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMEN TO QUALIFY FOR AWARDS.**

**Scholarships**

2022-2023 Year-End Report

Joan Faddis, Department Chairman

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Reporting period: April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023

Your District President must receive this report by April 7, 2023

Retain (1) copy for your Auxiliary records

1. CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

 a. Did your Auxiliary promote the Continuing Education Scholarship Program? (i.e.: by

 distributing applications to members during meetings, publicizing the program in a

 newsletter, or posting on a bulletin board?) Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

 b. How much did your Auxiliary donate to the Continuing Education Fund? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

 a. Did your Auxiliary promote the Patriotic Art Competition? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

 b. Total number of students who submitted an entry. \_\_\_\_\_\_

 c. Total amount of money awarded by your Auxiliary. $\_\_\_\_\_

 d. How much money did the Auxiliary donate to the Scholarships Fund? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. 3-DIMENSIONAL PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

a. Did you promote the contest in any way? (i.e.: distributing applications to members at

 meetings, publicizing in a newsletter, or posting anywhere?) Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

c. Did you make any donation to the 3-D Patriotic Art Fund? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

4. VFW SCHOLARSHIPS

a. Did your Auxiliary assist the post in conducting the VOD contest? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

b. The Patriots Pen Essay contests? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

5. RECOGNITION

 a. Did your Auxiliary and/or Post host/co-host an awards ceremony to recognize the

 winner and participants in any/all these contests? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

 b. Total amount of awards presented in all contests. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary President\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Chairman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Auxiliary Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Aux# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ District# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_