

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**VFW Post & Auxiliary**  
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Each of our scholarships encourage patriotism, assist students in attaining an education and help students reach their full potential. This increases VFW and Auxiliary recognition while supporting our communities, students and members. Our scholarships help their dreams come true!

**Continuing Education Scholarship**

**Open to any Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least a year), or their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. Entrant must be at least 18 years old,** complete the application and submit an essay of 300 words or less. **The application must be received at National Headquarters by February 15:**

Administrator of Programs  
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters  
406 W 34th St., 10th Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111

Or email it to [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org)

**\$1,000 will be awarded to an applicant in each of the four Conferences.**

Applications are available from Department Scholarships Chairmen or at  
[www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**

**Open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 9-12, no older than 18 years of age** at time of local entry and a U.S. citizen or U.S. National. It will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. One Department winner will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. **Please see the student brochure at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships) for more details on requirements.**

Students must attend school in the state of the sponsoring Auxiliary.

Deadlines: **Entries received by local Auxiliary – March 31** Entries received by Department – April 15

Entries received by National Headquarters – May 5

**National Scholarships: First Place – \$15,000 Second Place – \$7,500 Third Place – \$3,500 Fourth Place – \$1,500 Fifth through Eighth Place – \$500**

Expanded Art Forms Now Accepted! The Patriotic Art Contest will now accept other forms of art. See these new rules below: Two-dimensional art must be on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media taught may be used. Do not frame two-dimensional pieces. Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted in white. Do not use color mats. Reinforce the back with heavy paper.

Mounted and floating mats may also be used. The art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24", not including mat. Three dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, etc. Pieces should be no smaller than 8" in any direction and no larger than 24" in any direction. Art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight. Digital art, photography and jewelry are not accepted. *Scholarships FUND THE ARTISTS OF TOMORROW Help increase the Young American Creative Patriotic Art awards! Send a donation of any amount to add to the Patriotic Art Escrow Fund. The goal is to increase the number and dollar amount of the awards. To donate by mail, send a check earmarked Patriotic Art to: VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters*

#### **2018-2019 Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest Theme:**

Why My Vote Matters **This contest is open to all students, including homeschooled students, in grades 9-12.** Student must be a resident of the state where entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

Deadlines: **Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31** Completion of Post Judging – November 15

Completion of District Judging – December 15 Completion of Department Judging – January 10

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15

**National Awards: First Place – \$30,000 scholarship Second Place – \$16,000 scholarship Third Place – \$10,000 scholarship Fourth through 36th Place – \$7,000 to \$1,500 scholarship 37th - 54th Place – \$1,000 scholarship All Department winners will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., where their essays will compete in the final competition.**

#### **2018-2019 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Theme:**

Why I Honor the American Flag **This contest is open to all students, including homeschooled students, in grades 6-8.** Student must be a resident of the state where entered. One Department winner will be forwarded to National Headquarters.

Deadlines: **Entries to Post – Midnight, October 31** Completion of Post Judging – November 15

Completion of District Judging – December 15 Completion of Department Judging – January 10

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15

**National Awards: First Place – \$5,000 Second Place – \$4,000 Third Place – \$3,500 Fourth through 54th Place – \$2,750 to \$500**

Scholarship and Contest Resources Complete list of all contest rules can be found in the following resources:

- VFW website: [www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education](http://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education)
- VFW Auxiliary website: [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships)
- Promotions from National Ambassador
- VFW Store: [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) or 1-800-821-2606