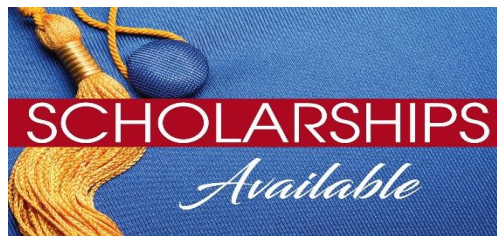


Scholarships Promotion #1 | July 2024
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I am honored to be your 2024-2025 National Scholarship Ambassador. I joined under the eligibility of my husband, Dan, who served in the United States Marine Corps from 1988-1992. We have two adult children, Tyler and Greta, and one daughter-in-love, Sara. I have been a high school English teacher for more than 30 years, and I have seen the struggles that families are having with the soaring cost of higher education. Higher education opens doors and creates opportunities for our youth and the VFW and Auxiliary Scholarships Program helps invest in our children by investing in their future to assure a brighter tomorrow for us all.

With the soaring cost of higher education and technical schools, the VFW Auxiliary is proud to offer scholarship opportunities for Auxiliary members, their immediate families and our youth. Education opens doors and creates opportunities.



This coming year we will continue to offer the following scholarships:

- Continuing Education Scholarship
- Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest
- 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

The VFW offers these scholarships:

- VFW Patriot's Pen Youth Essay
- VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship

Continuing Education Scholarship

- This scholarship is available to Auxiliary members, their spouses and their children.
- Auxiliary members must have been a member for at least one year in order to apply.
- Applicants must show financial need to continue/return to college or vocational/technical/trade schools.
- Must be 21 years of age by February 15, 2025.

The Continuing Education Scholarship is \$1,250 and is awarded to one winner in each of the four Conferences.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

The VFW Auxiliary is proud to offer this two-dimensional art contest to all patriotic young artists in grades 9-12. The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest now offers NINETEEN National Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$15,000.

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art is the Auxiliary's fairly new contest in the Scholarships Program. We are proud to offer this contest to all patriotic young artists in grades 9-12, offering four National Scholarships: \$2,500 for first place, \$1,500 for second place, \$1,000 for third place and \$500 for fourth place paid to the college of winner's choice.

Again, what can you do to help? Spread the word! Put this information on your Post and Auxiliary websites, social media and newsletters. Send information to schools, churches, and other youth groups.

Patriotic Art Contest Escrow Fund

The Patriotic Art Contest Escrow Fund needs your help to reward more of our young patriotic artists at the National level. Consider holding a fundraiser designated for this with your Post and Auxiliary.

VFW Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy

Students from public, parochial, online and home study programs compete through written and oral essays in the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. The Patriot's Pen is a short, written essay for scholars in grades 6-8. The Voice of Democracy is a written essay and a vocal recording of that essay for scholars in grades 9-12. Visit vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships for more information.

This year's themes are as follows:

VFW Voice of Democracy: "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

VFW Patriot's Pen: "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

DEADLINE is OCTOBER 31, 2024, at midnight to your local post.

Be sure to celebrate and recognize all students, teachers, parents and members who participate in and promote these scholarships. Invite your local media to attend and cover award ceremonies. The VFW store offers certificates for awards.

To learn more, visit vfwauxiliary.org, Scholarships & Contests, and MALTA Member Resources, Scholarships.