

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Student Participation + Recipient Recognition + Community Awareness + Increasing the Fund

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Now that you know about the program goals, the contests, the timeline, and have been to the schools and organizations with entry forms...



Let's talk about how to **donate to the Scholarships Program:**

In order to "Increase the Fund" which is one of National's four goals this year, your auxiliary can send donations to PDP Jackie Kimball, our Department of Maryland Treasurer – earmarked "for Scholarships." Treasurer Kimball can accept donations to either DEPARTMENT of MARYLAND or to NATIONAL.

So far, the following posts have donated to the Department of Maryland Scholarships Program: In July = **10078**, in August = **304** and **341**

PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A DONATION TO THE SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM, EITHER AT THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL OR AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. YOUR DONATION WILL INCREASE THE AMOUNTS AWARDED TO OUR DESERVING STUDENTS! BE SURE TO EARMARK YOUR DONATION FOR **DEPARTMENT** OR FOR **NATIONAL**.



And how about this year's **awards** ?

1. As I receive a report from an auxiliary, I set aside a special pin for that Chairman. These special pins will be distributed at Christmas Conference and at Convention. One per auxiliary.

As of September 18th, I've received the following reports:

2462 - 8806 - 7687 - 8276 - 7757

Who's going to be next? I expect to award 57 pins to our 57 auxiliaries.

2. Plus, at convention next year, a \$50 cash award will be given to:
 - the auxiliary with the most Voice of Democracy entries
 - the auxiliary with the most Patriot's Pen entries
 - the auxiliary with the most Young American Creative Patriotic Art entries
 - the auxiliary with the most 3-D Art entries
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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Students from public, parochial, online and home study programs can compete in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Contests. The entries are due to Posts by midnight on October 31, 2024. Collect and judge them and send them along to District.

“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.” *National Scholarships Chairman Dina Hudson.*

Each Post will judge their winning essays and will advance one winner for every 15 entries to District. One District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. Department will invite the 11 District winners of both contests to the Annual Awards ceremony. The winners of the VOD and Patriot's Pen contests will be announced at the awards ceremony in January. Good luck to your students!

Mark your calendars now for the VFW DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND AWARDS CEREMONY on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at VFW POST 2678, 6521 North Point Road, Edgemere, MD 21219. The ceremony will start at 1300. TBe sure to RSVP by January 11, 2025 to 410-752-6474. See you there!





Scholarships

2024 - 2025 Report Form

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Auxiliary _____ District _____ Month _____ Chairman _____

Reporting Period: From _____ To _____

This month - Hours _____ Projects Cost \$ _____ Mileage _____ Volunteers # _____

VFW SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you assist your Post in conducting the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest? Yes _____ No _____

Did you assist your Post in conducting the Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest? Yes _____ No _____

Did your Auxiliary host/co-host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in any of these contest?

Yes _____ No _____

Total dollar amount and/or value of awards you presented. \$ _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Did you promote the Continuing Education Scholarship Contest? Yes _____ No _____

Did you make a monetary donation to the Continuing Educations Scholarship fund? Yes _____ No _____

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

Did you promote the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest? Yes _____ No _____

_____ # of student entrees Did you submit an entry to the Department for judging? Yes _____ No _____

Did you make a monetary donation to the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Fund? Yes _____ No _____

3-DIMENSIONAL PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

Did you promote the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest? Yes _____ No _____

_____ # of student entrees Did you submit an entry to the Department for judging? Yes _____ No _____

Did you make a monetary donation to the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Fund? Yes _____ No _____

Other Scholarships projects or activities (use additional sheet if necessary):