

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

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



MARCH 2025



The VFW DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND AWARDS CEREMONY was held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at VFW POST 2678. Here are the winners at the Department level:

CONGRATS TO: *Voice of Democracy: Caleb Smith, District 6*
Patriot's Pen: Elliana Hammonds, District 5



There is still time to **donate to the Scholarship 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 **NATIONAL**. Department awards have been presented.

So far, the following posts have donated to the Department of Maryland Scholarship Program: In **July** = 10078, in **August** = 304 and 341, in **September** = 350, 6027, 8806, and 10028. In **October** = 6775, 7757, and 8509. In **November** = 5118, 10028, 10067. In **December** = 8185, 10028, 10146. In **January** = 5367 and 8950. Almost **\$4000** was raised by auxiliaries in Maryland! Thanks!

Gifts were received for Continuing Education from Posts 3065, 467, 521, 8175, 8806, 2678, 8185 totaling \$600. Thank you!

Gifts were received for Patriotic Art from Posts 3065, 5118, 521, 6506, and 8806, 8185 totaling \$2450.00. Thank you!

Awards for Continuing Education and Patriotic Art will be announced at our Department of Maryland Convention, May 26-30, 2025, in Ocean City, Maryland.

Awards for reporting, and for the most entries received for the two essay contests will be announced at our Department of Maryland Convention in May 2025 in Ocean City, MD



Update on this year's **awards**:

- As I receive a report from an auxiliary, I set aside a special pin for that Chairman. These special pins were distributed at Christmas Conference and will be distributed at Convention. One per auxiliary. As of February 15, I've received reports from: 35 out of 54 auxiliaries –

	<u>Received reports from:</u>	<u>Need report from:</u>
District 1	2632	9619, 5471, 8810, 9376
District 2	7757, 341, 5633, 2562	350, 5627, 8950
District 3		10077, 1411, 6775
District 4	5246, 652, 5118	7460, 7464
District 5	10146, 10028, 8672, 5337	6054, 8126
District 6	304, 2462, 160	327
District 7	6658, 7472, 8806, 521, 6918, 467, 3285	10076
District 10	8185, 7687, 6027, 8175	
District 11	10078, 8509, 5367	3065
District 14	6506, 2678, 10067	2621
District 16	194, 8276, 10159	2996

34 pins were awarded at the Christmas Conference on 12-15-24.

I expect to award 54 pins to all 54 auxiliaries by Convention!

NB: ONE NEW AUXILIARY HAS REPORTED...NEED 19 POSTS TO REPORT!

- Plus, at Department convention, a \$50 cash award will be given to:
 - the auxiliary with the most Voice of Democracy entries – **report!**
 - the auxiliary with the most Patriot's Pen entries – **report!**
 - the auxiliary with the most Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest entries – **report!**
 - the auxiliary with the most 3-D Art entries – **report!**

You must report your post's total number of entries received for each contest and send your report to me by April 15, 2025 to be eligible for these cash awards.

~Please note: I've received #s of entries for VOD and PP essay contests from 14 auxiliaries. Need #s from 20 more auxiliaries~

NEXT CONTESTS, NEXT DEADLINES –

...National Continuing Education Scholarship deadline has passed.

...Entries for the VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest can be accepted until **March 31, 2025**.

...Entries for the VFW Auxiliary Scholarship 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest can be accepted until **March 31, 2025**.

Contact me if you have art entries to arrange drop off or pick-up

prior to May 10, 2025

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**NATIONAL PROGRAM AWARDS 2024-2025 ENTRY FORM
IS DUE TO ME BY March 31, 2025.**

**As National Scholarships Ambassador Dina Hudson says,
“Not only did you get on board the SCHOLAR-SHIP, but you powered that ship through
every state, collecting an impressive number of entries for the VFW’s Voice of
Democracy and Patriot’s Pen contests!”**



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