

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

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



The VFW DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND AWARDS CEREMONY was held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at VFW POST 2678. Which District contestants won the Department Contests and moved on to National? *Look for the winners to be announced next month.*



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 Scholarship.” 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. 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 will be distributed at Christmas Conference and at Convention. One per auxiliary. As of December 15, I've received reports from: 34 out of 56 auxiliaries –

District 1	2632 – 20%
District 2	7757, 341, 5633, 2562 – 57%
District 3	
District 4	5246, 652 – 40%
District 5	10146, 10028, 8672, 5337 – 66%
District 6	304, 2462, 160 – 75%
District 7	6658, 7472, 8806, 521, 6918, 467, 3285 – 87.5%
District 10	8185, 7687, 6027, 8175 – 100%
District 11	10078, 8509, 5367 – 75%
District 14	6506, 2678, 10067 – 75%
District 16	194, 8276, 10159 – 75%

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

I expect to award 56 pins to all 56 auxiliaries by Convention!

NB: NO NEW AUXILIARIES HAVE REPORTED...NEED 22 POSTS TO REPORT!

- Plus, at convention next year, 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!**

NB: 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.

NEXT CONTESTS, NEXT DEADLINES –

Start accepting application forms from your auxiliary members/families for the National Continuing Education Scholarship now.

...Applications for the VFW Auxiliary National Continuing Education Scholarship will be accepted until **February 15, 2025.**

Drop off entry forms for the YACPAC and 3D Art Contest at your local schools and youth groups now.

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

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

Application form, Entry forms, and Scholarship Report form were sent in previous mailers. Please send a report to me with your VOD and Patriot's Pen numbers.

**As National Scholarship 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!”**



Scholarships

