



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY

SCHOLARSHIPS

August 2025

Student Participation Community Awareness Recipient Recognition Increasing the Fund



- Reach out to friends, family, schools, organizations, churches, sports clubs.
- Face to Face contact is key to making an impression and building relationships that will increase your chances of a successful program and greater participation from students.
- Have a Facebook or social media platform to post information.
- Submit a Press Release to your local news, radio stations. Get creative & have fun!

Continuing Education

This one is for an auxiliary member or their immediate family members and must be at least age 21. Entry deadline is Feb 15, 2026. This is the National Presidents primary focus to promote and increase the funds for the Continuing Education.

Auxiliaries who donate \$100 or more will be entered into a raffle drawing. Only those Auxiliaries will be eligible for the raffle drawing, for a chance to win \$50 at the Christmas Conference and March Council of Administration meeting.

Don't forget you can always do an auxiliary fundraiser to raise money!

MAIL YOUR DONATIONS TO

Department of MD VFW Aux Treasurer
Jackie Kimball, PDP
1019 Queen Avenue
Salisbury, MD 21801
Earmark "National President 2025-2026
Special Project
DO NOT MAKE DONATION IN MALTA!



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Be a Force and work with your VFW Post to promote this program!

The Theme is the same for both this year:

“How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?”

Record a 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 second max.) audio essay on a flash drive. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Students in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in public, private, parochial school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.

Deadline for entries to be delivered to local VFW Post is October 31, 2025.

PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY

A typed essay with no color or graphics 300-400 words in length and completed entry form will be submitted.

Students in grades 6 through 8 who are enrolled in public, private, parochial school or home study program in the United States, its territories or possessions, or dependents of the U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.

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I have included a Summary of the Scholarships to help you when you are talking with anyone that I think is helpful.

Applications are available on the Department Auxiliary page at: www.vfwauxmd.org under Scholarships.

You can also order brochures online from the VFW Store.

Thank you all who showed up at the School of Instructions in June, it was so nice to see you all!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Nancy Shenk
Department of MD Scholarship
Chairman



VFW Auxiliary National Scholarship

Continuing Education

2025-2026

The VFW Auxiliary is pleased to present this National Scholarship to assist VFW Auxiliary members and their families who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a vocational/technical school.

Each year, one (1) recipient will be selected from each of the four (4) VFW Auxiliary Conferences and will be awarded a \$1,250 scholarship to be used within the academic year following completion of the contest. The scholarship will be paid directly to the American college/university or vocational/technical school of the awardee's choice upon the completion of the scholarship activation requirements.

Eligibility:

- VFW Auxiliary member for at least one full year by the application submission deadline of February 15.
- The spouse, son and/or daughter of a VFW Auxiliary member that has been a member at least one full year by the application submission deadline of February 15.
- Applicants must be 21 years of age or older by the application submission deadline of February 15.
- Previous National Continuing Education Scholarship winners are not eligible.

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Applicant Address: _____
City State Zip

Applicant Email: _____

Relationship to VFW Auxiliary Member: (please ☒ one) ☐Self ☐Spouse ☐Son/Daughter

VFW Auxiliary Member Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary Membership No.: _____ VFW Auxiliary No.: _____

I hereby grant permission to publish my name and photo in VFW Auxiliary E-magazine, website, social media and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary and/or the VFW if named a winner of a national award. I hereby verify that the entry/essay was done by the applicant listed above.

Applicant Signature: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

On a separate piece of paper, provide typed answers to each question listed below.

1. What is the name of the college/university or vocational /technical school you plan to attend?
2. Have you been accepted?
3. What is your intended major or course of study?
4. What is the adjusted gross income from the family's Federal Income Tax return for the prior year?
5. How many dependents are in the household?
6. What are your financial reasons for applying for the VFW Auxiliary National Continuing Education Scholarship?
7. Have you been awarded Financial Aid from any other sources? Please list/specify.
8. Write a brief essay (**300-word limit**) describing your commitment to your goals and how this scholarship will help you attain these goals. Essays longer than 300 words will be disqualified.

All questions must be answered for the application to be considered.

This completed form, answers and essay may be emailed to info@vfwauxiliary.org or mailed to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters 406 W. 34th Street 10th Floor Kansas City MO 64111
Attn: Program Awards Administrator

Application submission deadline: February 15, 2026.

VFW Auxiliary National Scholarships



The VFW Auxiliary is proud to offer and participate in scholarship contests that help further the education of our nation's youth, our members and their immediate family members.



Continuing Education

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- Applicant must be 21 years of age or older by the application submission deadline of February 15.

What is the Scholarship amount?

One (1) scholarship will be awarded each year to a selected candidate in each of the four (4) VFW Auxiliary Conferences.

The \$1,250 scholarship shall be used in the academic year following completion of the contest. The scholarship will be paid directly to the American college/university or vocational/technical school of the awardee's choice.

Application in MALTA Member Resources

Young American Creative & 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contests

Who is eligible to apply?

- Students in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial, or home school program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen.

What is the Scholarship Amount?

- Young American Creative Patriotic Art: (two-dimensional artwork only.) The first-place winner from each Department (state) competes for National awards totaling \$37,000.
- 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art: (three-dimensional artwork only) The first-place winner from each Department (state) competes for National awards totaling \$5,500.

Please note: Digital art, photography, weapons and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.

Visit vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships for deadlines and submission requirements.

For Applications, complete rules and eligibility, visit www.vfwauxiliary.org

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Patriot's Pen

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Any student in grades 6-8 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.
- Does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must submit entries to a local VFW Post.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) to become a U.S. citizen.
- Foreign exchange students or former winners who placed in the National contest are ineligible.

What is the Scholarship Amount?

- The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 .
- The first-place winner from each Department (state) competes for national awards with each first-place Department (state) winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

Visit: www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships
for submission requirements and deadlines.

Voice of Democracy

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Any student in grades 9-12 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.
- Does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must submit entries to a local VFW Post.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) to become a U.S. citizen.
- Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, previous Voice of Democracy first-place winners, GED or adult education students are ineligible.

What is the Scholarship Amount?

- The national first-place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school.
- Other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$21,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000.

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