



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY

SCHOLARSHIPS

September 2025

Student Participation Community Awareness Recipient Recognition Increasing the Fund

At the National VFW Convention in Columbus, Ohio, the Scholarship Ambassador, Philip Reinpold, spoke about the Scholarships. I wanted to share one of the important things he discussed “What is Our Mission”

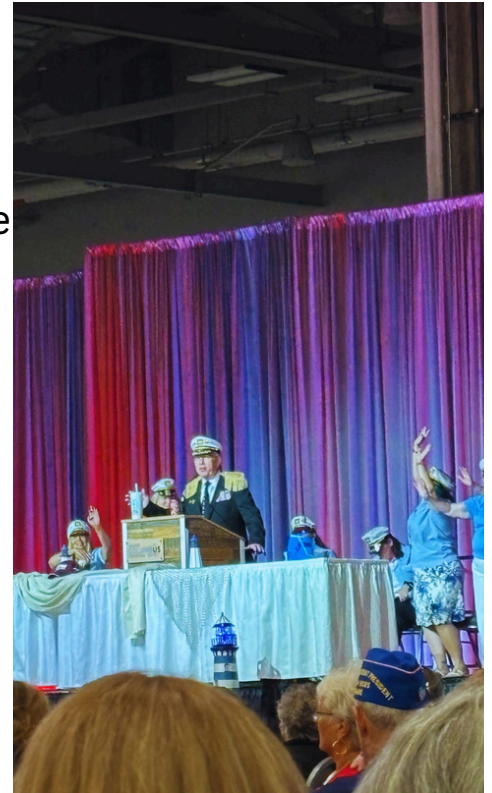
To invite and involve as many eligible students as possible to participate in our contests which are a huge benefit to all.

To involve teachers, administrators, members of the community and VFW and Auxiliary in this worthy effort.

To explore our nation’s rich and valuable history, to promote understanding of how we got here and to chart our course forward.

To help our youth realize how important they are in forging our nation’s future and giving them a voice to speak from their perspective

To show our communities how the VFW and Auxiliary are involved and how they contribute to the life of our nation.



Continuing Education



This is a well kept secret that shouldn’t be a secret at all! It is vital that we get the word out to our members who, along with their family members, are the individuals who qualify for this opportunity.

In addition to getting more members, their spouses and children to apply for this scholarship, we also want to grow the Continuing Education Scholarship escrow fund so more money can be awarded to students per Conference, per year.



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Auxiliaries who donate \$100 or higher, towards the Continuing Education Scholarship, 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 Spring Council of Administration.

TO DONATE TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND

- Log into MALTA
- Select “Make a Gift” tab
- Select “National Presidents 2025-2026 Special Project



Below are a few ideas to reach out to do Fundraisers!

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| Schools | Events | Home Schools | Book Stores |
| JROTC Meetings | Scout Meetings | PTA Meetings | Hobby Stores |
| VFW Meetings | Auxiliary Meetings | Church Events | Nail Salons |
| School Papers | Local Papers | Art Departments | Coaches |

PROMOTE AND REPORT

Be a Force and work with your VFW Post to promote this program! School is getting ready to start we have to step up promoting efforts!

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest in 2-D and 3-D

Reach out to your School District Superintendent, smooth the path for engaging with the schools.

Personally visit public and private schools, home school groups, youth organizations, Scouts, Sea Cadets, Booster Clubs to name a few.

Take print outs of the QR code and brochures with you.

See if you can do a presentation in a classroom, at a student assembly, back to school night, or a scholarship fair at the school or colleges.

Have flyers, brochures, applications and printouts of the QR code available at Post Open House, membership drives, community events and festivals, churches.

Report how you are promoting and educating the community on each of the scholarship contests. Details matter!

Auxiliary Award

Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

Look for the entry form on both the National and Department websites.

The entry form is due to the Department Chairman by March 31, 2026.

Nancy Shenk

Department of MD Scholarship
Chairman





Scholarships

National Program Awards 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most creative/unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most creative/unique activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the
Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the creative/unique activity and/or event that educated the community about scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Scholarships Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Scholarships Ambassador Philip Reinbold by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Scholarships Chairman: _____
Signature

Date: _____
Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.