



Scholarships



VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland

Our communities benefit on many levels from the Scholarships Program, and we need to show just how valuable this Program really is. The excitement and creativity that you show all year long in this Program is the key to making it work!

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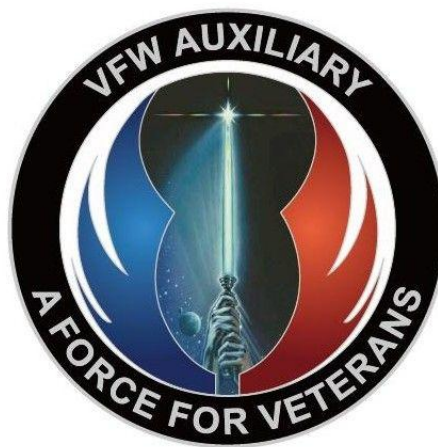
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Student Participation Recipient Recognition Community Awareness Increasing the Fund

What is the **Continuing Education Scholarship**?

This scholarship is offered to assist members and immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational/technical school.



To be eligible: Any Auxiliary member of at least one year, their spouse, son or daughter, who is at least 21 years of age.

One applicant in each of the Conferences will win an award of \$1,250. Deadline to National HQ: **February 15, 2026.**

National President Lois Callahan's' 2025-2026 Presidents Special Project donations is towards the Continuing Education Scholarship.

Auxiliaries who donate \$100 or higher 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.



DO NOT MAKE YOUR DONATION IN MALTA!

Mail your donation to Department of MD VFW Auxiliary Treasurer
Jackie Kimball, PDP
1019 Queen Avenue
Salisbury, MD 21801

Ear mark the check *"National President 2025-2026 Special Project"*

WHAT OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS ARE THERE?

2025-2026 VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest

Theme: *"How are you Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"*

Eligible: Students in grades 9 through 12 who are enrolled in a public, private, or 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. U.S. citizenship is not required, but students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents and intend to become U.S. citizens.

The deadline for entries to be delivered to local VFW post is **October 31, 2025.**

2025-2026 VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Theme: *"How are you Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"*

Eligible: Students in grades 6 through 8 who are enrolled in public, private or parochial school or home study program in the United States, territories or possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Same citizenship policy as VOD contest.

The deadline for entries to be delivered to local VFW post is **October 31, 2025.**

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST 2 AND 3-DIMENSIONAL ART CONTEST

Contest Eligibility: Students in grades 9 through 12 who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or is a dependent of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. U.S. citizenship is not required, but the student must be a lawful U.S. permanent resident and intend to become a citizen of the U.S.

NOTE: These are two separate Art Contests!

Deadline for both the 2 and 3-Dimensional contests delivered to local VFW Auxiliary **March 31, 2026.**

To support the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship and the 3-D Dimensional Patriotic Art Scholarship mail your donation to:

Department of MD VFW Auxiliary Treasurer
Jackie Kimball, PDP
1019 Queen Avenue
Salisbury, MD 21801
Ear mark the check "Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund"

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The first step... ..educate and increase community awareness!

Go to the VFW Department of Maryland Auxiliary website:

vfwauxmd.org or

use the QE code below - open your phone camera and touch the screen, it will take you to the Department of MD Auxiliary website!

Scroll over to *“Programs”* and select *“Scholarships”* and read up on each contest.

Increase Student Participation

Identify “points of contact” within your local schools, home-school associations, youth sports teams, scout troops, church youth groups, and art schools.

Use social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, your post or Auxiliary social media to promote the contests.

Work with English and art teachers, scout leaders, coaches, ministers, and parents to encourage their students to enter the contests.

Print applications for each of the contests to be ready for distribution to anyone interested.

Promote the contests in your local newspapers and on local radio!



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarships Program Timeline

June

Pick up program material at School of Instruction.

July

Review the packet and check out the website.
Report on your activity.

August

Start contacting schools, Scout troops, etc.

September

Drop off entry forms at schools,
churches, etc.
Report on your activity.

October

Collect VOD and PP essay entries by
October 31, 2025 Scholarship Auxiliary
Chairman and deliver to your Post for
judging.
Notify applicants parents receipt of entry and process.
Report on your activity.



November

Deliver your first-place winners to the District.
Recognize Students who participated.
Report on your activity (*including any monetary awards*)

December

Monetary contribution made towards Continuing Education.
Report on your activity.

January 2026

Department VOD-PP Awards Ceremony.
Report on your activity (attendance, pictures).

February 2026

Advise Continuing Education Scholarship applicants to send their forms directly to National by February 15, 2026. Report your activity *AND* any monetary donations towards the National Presidents President Special Project.

March 2026

Accept Young American Creative Patriotic Art 2 and 3-Dimensional Art delivered to Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman by March 31st.

April 2026:

Forward art projects to Department Auxiliary Chairman by April 15th.










Include a photograph of the artwork. Send final report by April 15th.

Recognition is the



to Success!

Ways to recognize your winners:

-  Host an awards ceremony at your post or district.
-  Present your winners with a gift or certificate.
-  Invite the winners to an auxiliary meeting and ask them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance or to read their essay at a Post event.
-  Plan to present awards at the school during an assembly.
-  Present your awards at a Scout meeting.
-  Contact the local newspaper to feature your winners.
-  Use the sample press release found on MALTA.





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2025-2026 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):