

NOVEMBER 2026

SCHOLARSHIPS

VFW AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

2026–2027 STUDENT CONTESTS

VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest

&

VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

IMPORTANT DEADLINE • OCTOBER 31, 2026

Entries must be delivered to the local VFW Post.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VOD & PATRIOT'S PEN AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, January 31, 2027 • 1:00 PM

Jerry Skrivanek Post 8185 | 520 Susquehanna River Road | Port Deposit, MD

YOUR SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

NOVEMBER	Deliver first-place winners to the District. Recognize participating students. Report your activity, including any monetary awards.
DECEMBER	Make a monetary contribution toward Continuing Education. Report your activity.
JANUARY 2027	Attend the Department VOD–Patriot's Pen Awards Ceremony. Report your activity, including attendance and pictures.
FEBRUARY 2027	Advise Continuing Education Scholarship applicants to send forms directly to National by February 15, 2027. Report your activity and any monetary donations toward the National President's Special Project.
MARCH 2027	Accept Young American Creative Patriotic Art projects (2-D and 3-D) delivered to the Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman by March 31.
APRIL 2027	Forward art projects to the Department Auxiliary Chairman by April 15. Include a photograph of the artwork. Send your final report by April 15.

RECOGNITION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!

Celebrate the students who share their voices, ideas, and patriotism.



WAYS TO RECOGNIZE YOUR WINNERS

- Host an awards ceremony at your Post or District.
- Present your winners with a gift or certificate.
- Invite winners to an Auxiliary meeting and ask them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance or 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.

MAKE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS VISIBLE

Recognition encourages students, celebrates their hard work, and helps your community see the impact of the VFW Auxiliary. Share the good news and let your winners know their efforts matter!

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