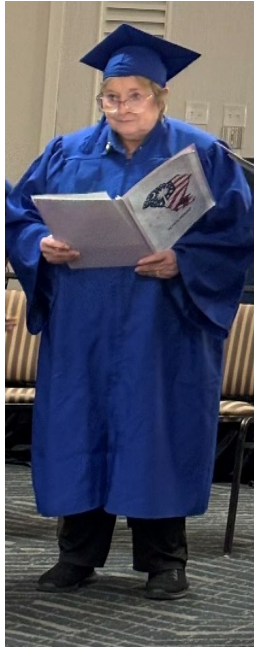


## SCHOLARSHIP PROMOTION



In South Carolina , service runs deep. It's part of our history, our communities and our families. That service is passed down from one generation to the next. It grows when opportunity is given. As our youth grow, they begin to ask important questions-about freedom, service, and their place in the world. Through patriotic Art, Voice of Democracy, and VFW Auxiliary scholarships, we encourage them to think, to speak, and to dream. We reward creativity, we support education , and we help students take their next step forward. These opportunities don't just change lives-they shape leaders. We open doors through education. One state, one purpose, serving veterans, families, and communities across South Carolina.

Just a friendly reminder of the due dates:

Continuing Educations Applications must be to National no later than February 15, 2026. I mentioned that for my birthday this year that I wanted to receive one scholarship report from each of the South Carolina auxiliary's stating they handed out Continuing Education applications. That is not too much to ask. At your January meeting hand, them out. If you get one that is one you did not have before.

Young American Patriotic Art and 3-D Art must be received to your VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2026, VFW Auxiliary Department by April 15, 2026, and VFW National Headquarters by May 5, 2026.

Food for thought-for your art students that enter and win on the auxiliary level but do not win the State level, remember them and have them enter next year's contest. Don't lose these valuable students. Encourage them to enter again. Get your art teachers involved in the process, they know their students.

I know sometimes it is not easy filling out these reports, but I am always here to help. I said send me the information I will fill out the report.

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