

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2026-2027



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Hi, I am Sandra (Sandy) Rowland, and I have been asked to serve as the Scholarship Program Chairman for the Department of South Carolina for the year 2026-2027. I am a life member of VFW Auxiliary Post 3433. I joined under the eligibility of my late husband, Jay, who served with the US Navy Submarine Service for 26 years. I have three children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

I am currently serving as treasurer of Post 3433 Auxiliary and treasurer of District 1. I help wherever I can at my post, and with the hospital visits. I Like to read, travel, shop and work on jig saw puzzles.

I was the Hospital Chairman for the department for the year 2025-2026. I was selected as Outstanding Treasurer for the department for two years. I am the department deputy VAVS Representative for the year 2026-2027.

I am looking forward to working with the auxiliaries in promoting, publicizing and just getting the word out about the scholarships and art contests that the National VFW Auxiliary has to offer.

We have some very talented students in our state. My goal is to get the information to as many students as we can and let them know what the VFW National Scholarship Program can do for them. Working together, this can be accomplished.

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The focus this year is on celebrating the talented students who participated in our contests at every level. As our National Scholarship Ambassador, Kim Davis, says "let's roll out the red carpet for them".

Continuing Education Scholarship

Members with at least one year of membership, their spouses and children are eligible to apply. Official forms and contest rules are available in MALTA. The scholarship link is on the VFW Auxiliary National Website, <https://vfwauxiliary.org>, which contains how to apply, where to submit the entry, etc.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

The VFW Auxiliary has been recognizing the talent of young artists for more than 45 years through this contest. A free full-color brochure to promote this contest is available to order in MALTA. Once you have received permission from schools and business, post the information where students have access to it. The Scholarships link on the VFW Auxiliary National Website has everything you need to learn about our scholarships (how to apply, where to submit entries, vital information needed to meet requirements and deadlines).

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

This contest is available to students in grades 9-12. A requirement is that a photo of the art be submitted prior to mailing. Sometimes the art is damaged during shipment and they need to see what the art was meant to look like. Again, rules and entry forms are available in MALTA or at <https://vfwauxiliary.org>.

To support the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Scholarship escrow fund:

Log into MALTA and click on "Make a Gift". Select Patriotic Art or mail checks to VFW Auxiliary Headquarters.

Ways to recognize: It is important that scholarship winners receive recognition at every level.

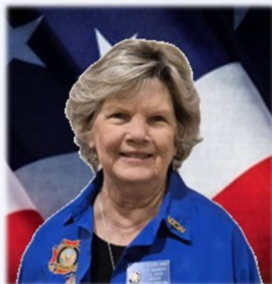
1. Host an awards ceremony
2. Present a certificate and/or gift
3. Present awards at a school assembly
4. Don't forget to recognize the parents and teachers

VFW Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy

These VFW scholarships are listed in the Scholarship Program section, but the Auxiliary has not adopted them. The VFW Auxiliary has been a supporter of these two programs for many years, and I want you to support and help your posts with their **VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship** for students in grades 9-12 and the **VFW Patriots Pen Scholarship** for students in grades 6-8. The Patriots Pen Scholarship is a short- written essay contest and the Voice of Democracy is a vocal recording of a written essay. Let us continue to support and promote these contests.

My goal this year is promoting and reaching as many students as possible. Too many do not know about the scholarships that the VFW Auxiliary offers. I want you to spread the word, put information brochures in school libraries, on bulletin boards, promote the scholarships on your social media page. Do not forget about the home schools. Remember to get permission from the schools, libraries, restaurants or churches before you post any information.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me by phone, text or email.



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