

Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

My name is Talitha Bing, your Scholarship Chairman. A student myself, I know the value of scholarships as well as the effects of student loans on a young person's credit score. Let us help our young patriots by getting these valuable scholarships into their hands to help secure their futures.

To get these scholarship packets out in the times of Covid-19, we can still give them to school offices and individual students, but we can also distribute them through churches, youth groups, the media, financial aid offices, and we can advertise them on social media. *Just get the word out.*

I look forward to working and communicating with you all this year!

### ***Continuing Education Scholarship***

- \*This scholarship is open only to VFW Auxiliary members, their spouses, and their children.
- \*The Auxiliary Member must have been a member for at least one year.
- \*The applicant must be 18 years of age.
- \*The applicant must write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain these goals.

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education/>

### ***Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest***

- \*This contest recognizes up-and-coming artists and encourages patriotism in youth.
- \*Open to students in grades 9-12 in public, private, parochial, or home school.
- \*Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique.

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>

### ***Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest***

- \*The 2021-2022 theme is: "America: Where Do We Go From Here?"
- \*Students should record their reading of the draft to an audio CD or flash drive.
- \*The recording can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes (plus or minus five seconds).

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

### ***Patriot's Pen Essay***

- \*The 2021-2022 theme is: "How Can I Be a Good American?"
- \*This contest is open to all students in grades 6-8.
- \*The essay will be judged on knowledge of theme, theme development, and clarity of ideas.

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### ***Jan Owens JROTC Scholarship***

- \*Applicant must be a United States citizen and South Carolina resident.
- \*Applicant must be a JROTC Cadet actively engaged in the JROTC program.
- \*Applicant must include a statement of why they feel they should be awarded the scholarship.

### ***Alice Hutto Memorial Scholarship Program***

- \*The applicant must have a 3.0 grade point average and have completed at least one semester at an accredited School of Nursing.
- \*A list of personal reasons they should be chosen for the scholarship attached to the application.

#### **Recommended additions:**

- Endorsements from teachers, instructors, professors, and colleagues. These should include brief descriptions of individual accomplishments.
- References from volunteer organizations in the community the applicant may have worked with, as well as extra-curricular pursuits.