

# 2025 – 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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The excitement and creativity that you show all year long in this Program is the key to making it work!

**The GOALS are PROMOTING:**

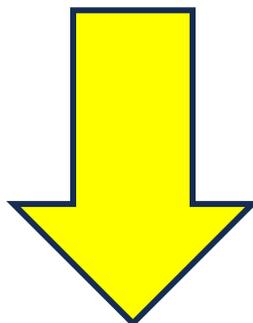
- ✓ **Continuing Education Scholarship**
- ✓ **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**
- ✓ **3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest**
- ✓ **VFW Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy**

**Continuing Education Scholarship**

Apparently, this is a well-kept secret and Department has had fewer applicants than they hoped for. It is vital that we get the word out to your members who, along with their family members, are the individuals who qualify for this opportunity. It is additionally important that our members, their spouses, and children apply for this scholarship. Also, we want the Continuing Education Scholarship escrow fund to grow so we can award more money to students, per year. This is VFW Auxiliary President Lois Callahan's special project as at one time she benefited from such a scholarship. This Scholarships link is on the VFW Auxiliary National Website which contains how to apply, where to submit the entry, etc. That link is <https://fvwauxiliary.org>. Or the official forms and contest rules can be found in MALTA. To make a gift to the Continuing Education Fund through MALTA or mailing a check to: VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, ATTN: Continuing Education Fund, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**

The VFW Auxiliary has been recognizing talented young artists for more than 45 years. We need to spread the word about this scholarship to schools, churches, skate parks, local parks, restaurants, etc. Use your imagination or get some ideas from you kids and grandkids! Talk to your leaders, teachers and counselors for other ideas and suggestions. Be sure to get permission from schools and businesses before posting information. As with the Continuing Education Scholarship, all information can be found at <https://fvwauxiliary.org> or in MALTA.



### **3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest**

I am so very excited for this newest contest for the VFW Auxiliary. This contest is available to students Grades 9-12. The requirements are that students submit a photo of their art prior to mailing. Sadly, when sent to National, they receive broken art and in order to judge student's work, they need to see what the art was truly meant to look like. Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. Again, rules and entry forms are located in MALTA or at <https://vfwauxiliary.org>.

The Patriotic Art Contest and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest Scholarships are paid directly to the American College, vocational, technical or trade school of the winner's choice. The Young American Creative Patriotic Art scholarships range from 1<sup>st</sup> place awarding \$15,000 down to 19<sup>th</sup> Place at \$500. The 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Scholarships range from 1<sup>st</sup> place at \$2,500 to 4<sup>th</sup> Place at \$500. It is very important that scholarship winners receive recognition at every level. Ways to recognize:

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**

The VFW Auxiliary has long been a supporter of these worthy scholarships for students in grades 6-12. The VFW Patriot's Pen is a short-written essay for students in Grades 6-8 address a theme determined by the VFW. The VFW Voice of Democracy is a Grades 9-12 vocal recording of a written essay. Please consult the VFW National website for additional information and aids. Be sure to have your VFW Auxiliary President forward to you the monthly newsletters that they will receive to learn more about each goal. If you have any questions or suggestions to assist other Auxiliaries, please feel free to call or email me.

