



January Scholarship Bulletin

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Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters! Welcome to 2019!

Student Recognition:

VOD and Patriot's Pen

If you haven't already, now would be a good time to recognize and thank your scholarship essay contestants. All participants should be acknowledged for their writing talents and patriotism. Don't forget to thank their parents and teachers as they are the ones shaping these great future leaders.

For students who are eligible, encourage them to enter again next year. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to recruit those who are eligible to join our organization. In addition to awards, banquets and certificates, additional ways to recognize, honor and thank them for participating in our scholarship contests include:

- **Thank them publicly**-take a photo of the student with their essay/artwork/etc.; send it to your local paper and post it on social media (please receive permission from both student and parent before doing so)
- **Give them a gift**- it doesn't have to be big or expensive. Gift cards and baked goods are sure to please any teenager.

Also, the VFW store has lots of items to choose from.

Whatever way you choose to thank them, try to include a written personal thank you note.

FAQ

Many of you have asked why the Auxiliary isn't included in the judging process for both the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests. Please be aware these are VFW sponsored contests and the **Auxiliary assists and supports the Post.**

We have 2 contests left with deadlines in February and March. Here is information regarding the Continuing Education Scholarship and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.



Continuing Education Scholarship

Auxiliary members who have been a member at least 1 year, their spouse, son or daughter may apply. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and have a financial need. One \$1000 scholarship will be paid directly to the college/university or vocational/technical school. It shall be used in the academic year following completion of the contest. Completed application with an essay (up to 300 words) describing how this scholarship will assist in reaching your goal. Applicant sends completed application to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters before **deadline of February 15,2019.**

For more information and to start your application process click on this link:

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



Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

Each year more than 3,500 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The art scholarship contest began in 1979 to recognize up and coming young artists and encourages patriotism in our youth.

Students in grades 9 – 12 may participate in this contest. Home schooled students may apply but not foreign exchange students. Students must be a maximum of 18 years at time of local entry, they must also be a U.S. citizen or U.S. National. Two-dimensional art must be completed with water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink or oil. Canvas entries must be on canvas board or stretcher frames. Entries on paper must be matted in white. Reinforce the back with heavy paper on paper entries, art is to be no smaller than 8x10 and no larger than 18x24 not including the mat. No digital art or photography will be accepted.

Three-dimensional art is new for us this year, entries may be paper, paper Mache, pottery, clay or metal work. Pieces are to be no smaller than 8 inches in any direction and no larger than 24 inches in any direction. Weight should not be more than 5 pounds. Digital art, photo or jewelry will not be accepted. **Student deadline is March 31, 2019.**

Other Deadlines:

- District judging- due by April 10
- Department judging-April 15
- Art work due to National- May 5

Deadlines are approaching before you know it!

I have attached a copy of the Judging score sheet, the scholarship application and the brochure. Feel free to contact me for more information or refer to the National website.

Remember to send in your reports. I accept emails, phone calls and of course the report form.