



November Scholarship Bulletin

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Scholarships:

The VFW Auxiliary is proud to offer and participate in scholarship contests that help further the education of our nation's youth, our members and their immediate family members.



Voice of Democracy- "Why My Vote Matters"

All VOD essays should be ready for District and Department judging. Entries for both VOD and Patriots Pen **were due to your local Post by October 31**. Please check with your District chairmen for their due date, most are **due by November 10, 2018**. Department judging is December 5, 2018. There are no exceptions so please remind students, and your Chairmen of these important dates.

VOD Judging Criteria-

- Originality is worth 30 points, treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.
- Content is worth 35 points, clearly expressing ideas in an organized manner, fully developing the theme and use of transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.
- Delivery is worth 35 points; audio essay should be clear in tone and credible.



Patriot's Pen

“Why I Honor the American Flag”

Judging criteria

- Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points. Student must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in their essay as well as demonstrate that they researched the issue extensively.
- Theme development is worth 35 points, answer all relevant facts about the theme including who, what, where, when and why. Students should relate the theme to their own personal experiences
- Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points. Essay should be written in a clear, easy to read and understanding format, leaving the reader with a clear understanding of the explanation of the theme.

Best of luck to all students who entered the contests! I look forward to reading and listening to the top entries!

Don't forget that we should also be promoting our other scholarships – the Continuing Education Scholarship and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship.



The VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship is for us, our spouses and our children to continue our education or to go back to school.

Who is eligible to apply? Applicant must be 18 years or older

Applicant must be one of the following:

- Current VFW Auxiliary member
- Spouse of a current Aux member
- Son of a current Aux member
- Daughter of a current member

Scholarship Amount:

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences.

The application as well as other resources for you to use can be found at:

www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships. This information should be in the hands of every member of your Auxiliary. How can they apply if they don't know about the program? Some ways to promote this scholarship include:

- send information with your dues notice
- hang posters and flyers in your Post
- include information in your District and Post newsletters, websites, social media notices
- publicize the program at your college vet centers

The VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship deadline is February 15, 2019.



The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship is another opportunity for students to express themselves. **The student entry deadline to local Auxiliaries is March 31, 2019.**

Who is eligible to apply?

- Any student in grades 9 – 12 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the U.S.
- Maximum age of 18 at time of entry
- Must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national

Scholarship Amount:

The first-place winner from each Department competes for national awards totaling \$29,500

Please note:

Digital art, photography and jewelry **are not accepted!**

The updated brochure can be found at: www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships.

Be sure to visit the Program & Publicity Resources page of the website for fillable media releases, downloadable flyers and more! One great tool that lists information about all our scholarships is the Scholarships at A Glance flyer. Print these out and have them available at your recruiting booths and information events.

As our National Ambassador Chrissy Harlan says " With these programs we really can help Dreams Come True. Believe We Can Do It!"

Remember we are working 360 for our Veterans and their families!

Be sure to send in your reports, I look forward to reading about the many ways your Auxiliaries are supporting these scholarships.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Warm Regards,

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