



December Scholarship Bulletin

Scholarships: Recognition and Awards:

By now all VOD and Patriot's Pen winners should have been judged at the District level and forwarded to Department for final judging. I look forward to reading these award-winning essays! Please be sure to recognize all your Post winning entries and report on how you made the students feel special. I strongly encourage you to work closely with your Post's Scholarship Chair and help recognize all your student entrants for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarships. It's time to give thanks at every level and recognize those who entered the contest. Perhaps your Post and Auxiliary will give the winners a certificate, check, gift card or a simple thank you card. Remember, **to be recognized can be very meaningful!**

Think about sending a press release to your local newspaper announcing your winners. While you're at it, be sure to notify their teachers and Principals so that they can receive recognition from their school's as well. Check out the VFW Store which has a wide variety of certificates and other items to recognize and award your students.

Now that we are approaching the half way mark, it's time to continue to promote our remaining Scholarships.



Continuing Ed Scholarship

Could you, your spouse, son or daughter use \$1,000 to further your education? We encourage you and your eligible family members to apply for the VFW Auxiliary Continuing education Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to assist Auxiliary members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational technical school.

Remember to announce to your Auxiliary members about the Continuing Education Scholarship. The deadline for receipt of the application at National Headquarters is February 15, 2019.

Scholarship Deadlines:

- February 15: all applications must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
- May 1: Scholarship recipients are notified

Who is eligible:

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and must be one of the following:

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

Qualifying member must have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one year by the application submission deadline

Scholarship Amount:

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

Scholarship Submission Requirements:

Each applicant must:

- Answer all questions on the application
- Write a brief essay (n more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain these goals

Visit the VFW store at www.vfwstore.org or the VFWAuxiliary website's resources pages to obtain materials.



The Young American Creative and Patriotic Art Contest

While you are honoring your students with the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen awards, don't forget to inform them of another scholarship opportunity, **the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.**

Print and distribute the Contest Brochure and give it out to your local schools, church youth groups, community youth groups and youth centers, after school programs, arts and craft

stores, art galleries, grocery stores coffee shops, and just about anywhere that youth congregate!

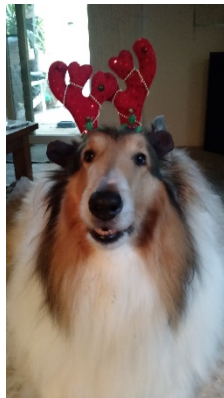
Find the brochure and details on the national website or visit

www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships

Let's continue to work together 360 degrees serving our Veterans and their families!



I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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