

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
PROMOTION #4  
JANUARY, 2024**

**Marie Klugow Memorial Scholarship Program** is a California Scholarship established to help our members and their families to attend a 4-year college. There are three (3) areas you may apply for: 1 is for graduating High School seniors. 2 is for continuing college students and 3 for someone going into/or continuing their education in the Health/Medical Field. All members of the Auxiliary or Post and their children and grandchildren are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Each scholarship award is worth \$3,000.00.

Applications forms and directions are available on the website: [vfwauxca.org](http://vfwauxca.org). Or by contacting the Department Youth Activities Chairperson. 310-675-7681 or [csteinhaue@aol.com](mailto:csteinhaue@aol.com).

Application Criteria:

1. Be a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a member in good standing in a California Post or Auxiliary or a member of an Auxiliary or VFW Post.
2. Be a United States Citizen.
3. Plan to attend and be accepted by a regionally accredited junior college, 4-year college, university, or Health Education School as a full time student, carrying at least 12 units per semester.
4. Have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average for the period of time relevant for that scholarship.

Awards:

Awards will be issued in two equal payments, at the beginning of each semester and payable upon receipt of proof of enrollment in an eligible school. The checks will be made out to the College, University or Health Field Program in which the student is accepted and plans to attend. Verification of the award will be sent to the student. More information is on the application form.

Application Procedure:

1. Completed Application Form **must be received by April 15<sup>th</sup>** in the year which the student is making the application.
2. **Mail application to: Department of California, 9136 Elk Grove Blvd. Ste 101, Elk Grove, CA 95624. [vfwauxca1@gmail.com](mailto:vfwauxca1@gmail.com)**
3. Applications will be judged by a committee appointed by the VFW Auxiliary President.
4. **Applicant is responsible for the timely submission of the application.** Questions should be directed to Department Headquarters at 916-509-8724.

Additional Requirements:

Applicant must also send the following:

1. Complete application.
2. Membership number and relationship of the person under whom eligibility is declared.
3. Certificate or letter of acceptance and enrollment in the accredited junior college, four-year colleges or university, or health field program that the applicant plans to attend.
4. Official copies of transcripts and cumulative grade point averages for all high schools, colleges or universities the applicant has attended for the requested time frame.
5. Two letters of recommendation- One from an adviser and one from an academic professor or instructor.
6. A statement of financial need. Include a copy of the FAFSA (Free application for Federal Student Aid)

**Get Excited for the RED, White and Blue Contest**

This contest has two parts: One for Grades K-8 and for Grades 9-12. This is a great contest to have the students learn about our National Anthem. The student can sing the National Anthem anyway they want BUT MAY NOT CHANGE THE WORDS OF THE ANTHEM. So let's get our singers out there singing for a chance to win this contest.

They video their presentation and bring it to an Auxiliary no later than March 31, 2024. The video will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value. The winning entries will be played at the 2024 National VFW Auxiliary Convention in July.

Don't forget to get those books on "Patriotism Through Literacy" out to the classrooms in your area. Talk to your teachers about you reading a story about patriotism to a class. Bring an art idea about Illustrating America for the students to do as a project when they have some free time. Give ideas at youth group meetings. Check your Boy and Girl Scout troops to maybe help with some of their badge work on patriotism.

And always have fun with the kids! They are our future!

Yours In Friendship,  
Carol Steinhauer, Youth Activities Chairperson, 2023-2024  
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