

PROGRAM GOALS

Student Participation – Recipient Recognition – Community Awareness -
Increasing the Fund

What are the Auxiliary Scholarships?

Continuing Education: This scholarship is open to any auxiliary member of at least one year, their spouse, their son, or their daughter, who is at least 21 years of age, with financial need. One applicant in each of the Conferences will win an award of \$1,250. The deadline for National to receive the application is February 15, 2025.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest & 3-Dimensional Art Contest: These contests are open to all students in grades 9th – 12th who are enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its' territories and possessions, or is a dependent of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. U.S. citizenship is not required, but the student must be a lawful U.S. permanent resident and intend to become a citizen of the U.S. The deadline for both of these contests is March 31, 2025 to the local VFW Post.

The VFW Auxiliary assists the VFW in sponsoring these two essay contests:

VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest

theme: **“Is America today, our forefather’s Vision?”**

This contest is open to students in grades 9th – 12th who are enrolled in public, private, or parochial school or home study program in the United States, its' territories and possessions, or dependents of the U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. U.S. citizenship is not required, but students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents and intend to become U.S. citizens. The deadline for entries to be delivered to their local VFW post is October 31, 2024.

VFW Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest

theme: **“My Voice in America’s Democracy?”** This contest is open to students in grades 6th – 8th who are enrolled in public, private or parochial school or home study program in the United States, territories or possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Same

citizenship policy as VOD contest. The deadline for entries to be delivered to their local VFW post is October 31, 2024.



The first step...

...is to get the word out!

...Go to the VFW Auxiliary website: vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships and read up on each contest.

...Identify “points of contact” within your local schools, home-school associations, youth sports teams, scout troops, and church youth groups.

...Use social media – Facebook, Twitter, your VFW/VFWA websites to promote the contests.

...Work with English teachers, scout leaders, coaches, ministers, and parents to encourage their students to enter contests.

...Print applications for each of the contests to be ready for distribution to contestants.

...Promote the contests in local newspapers and local radio.

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