

# **VFW & VFW Auxiliary 2025–2026 Scholarship Opportunities**

## ***Voice of Democracy (High School Audio■Essay Contest)***

Theme: “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?” Deadline: Submit to your local VFW Post by October 31, 2025 Prize: National first-place award up to \$35,000 in scholarships

## ***Patriot’s Pen (Middle School Essay Contest)***

Theme: “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?” Deadline: Submit to your local VFW Post by October 31, 2025 Prize: National first-place award \$5,000

## ***Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (High School Art)***

Deadline: Submit to your local VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2026 Prize: National first-place award up to \$15,000

## ***3■Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest (High School Art)***

Deadline: Submit to your local VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2026 Prize: National first-place award up to \$2,500

## ***Continuing Education Scholarship (Auxiliary Members & Families)***

Opens: July 1, 2025 Deadline: Applications must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by February 15, 2026 Prize: Four \$1,000 scholarships (one per Auxiliary conference) Notification: Recipients notified by May 1, 2026

## ***Voice of Democracy Department Winners – Leadership Experience***

Department-level winners will attend the Founding Forward Spirit of America Leadership Program in Valley Forge, PA, instead of Washington, DC. This is an exclusive educational program for students only. VFW and Auxiliary members are not invited to attend or participate.

Please share with schools, libraries, community boards, and families to encourage participation.