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This year I want to challenge you and your Auxiliary to walk for education. Some of your sisters and brothers have smart watches or fitbits. I would like each Auxiliary to donate to the scholarship fund so we can continue to help our youth grow. One way your Auxiliary can donate is to participate in a Walking Challenge where from July 1 to December 31, 2024 you keep track of how many miles you and your auxiliary are walking. Each month you turn in your walking form to your District Scholarship Chairman and they can email it to me. Now, you are wondering how to get money for walking. Simple, ask for it. Ask your family members or your friends if they will donate to your miles.



Example: Say, if I walk five miles. Ask- Will you donate \$5?

You would be amazed how much money you can get to donate for our scholarship fund. I will have a form attached that you keep track each week of how many miles you walk and how much money you get from walking.

Your Auxiliaries can send the donations to Jackie Davis and make checks to MO VFW Auxiliary and put in the memo (scholarship fund)

There will be an award given to the Auxiliary and District for the highest donation to the Scholarship fund.

Continuing Education Scholarships

This scholarship is open to any Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least a year), their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. Entrants must be at least 21 years old, complete the application, and submit an essay of 300 words or less. The application must be received at National Headquarters by February 15:

**Program Awards Administrator
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111**



Or email it to info@vfwauxiliary.org

\$1,250 will be awarded to an applicant in each of the four Conferences. Applications are available on the Department website or in MALTA Member Resources.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art is the Auxiliary's newest contest in the Scholarships Program. We are proud to offer this contest to all patriotic young artists in grades 9-12.

Both art contests are open to any student in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students, or national winners of previous Patriotic Art Contests are ineligible.

Entries will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. One Department winner will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters. Please see the student brochure in MALTA Member Resources for more details on requirements and contest rules.

Art Contest Deadlines:

Participating VFW Auxiliary – March 31

(District Judging is OPTIONAL)

VFW Auxiliary Department – April 15

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters – May 5

National Scholarships: Young American Creative Patriotic Art

First Place – \$15,000

Second Place – \$7,500

Third Place – \$3,500

Fourth and Fifth Place – \$1,500

Sixth and Seventh Place – \$1,000

Eighth through Nineteenth Place – \$500

National Scholarships: 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art

First place - \$2,500

Second place - \$1,500

Third place - \$1,000

Fourth place - \$500

Scholarships are paid directly to the American college, vocational, technical or trade school of the winners' choice. Please promote this contest in your area. We have talented and creative artists waiting to be discovered.

Please note that the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest is an additional scholarship and separate from the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. See the official rules for art forms that are accepted for this contest.

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest Escrow Fund needs your help to reward more of our young patriotic artists at the National level. Consider holding a fundraiser designated for Patriotic Art with your Post and Auxiliary.

To Donate to the Patriotic Art Escrow Fund Login to MALTA. Click on "Make a Gift." Select Patriotic Art

Mail checks earmarked Patriotic Art to:

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

Attn: Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund

406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111

□ **2024 - 2025 Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest**

Theme: **Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?**

Open to students in grades 9-12 by the October 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students aged 20 or older, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or adult education students are ineligible. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.



National Awards:

First Place – \$35,000 scholarship

Second Place – \$21,000 scholarship

Third Place – \$15,000 scholarship

Fourth through 36th Place – \$7,000 to \$1,500 scholarship

37th - 53rd Place – \$1,000 scholarship

□ **2024 - 2025 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest**

Theme: **My Voice in America's Democracy?**

Open to students in grades 6-8, by the October 31 deadline who are enrolled in public, private or parochial school or home study programs in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.) One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

National Awards:

First Place – \$5,000

Second Place – \$4,000

Third Place – \$3,500

Fourth through 53rd Place – \$2,750 to \$500

Deadlines for both Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen:

Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31

Post Judging Complete – November 15

Department Judging Complete – January 10

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15

Missouri Past National President scholarship Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

The Department of Missouri offers two scholarships (\$1,800 and \$1,200) in honor of Mabel Tanner and Glenneta Vogelsang who served as National President to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

To qualify, students must be a high school senior and the sibling, child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a Missouri VFW or VFW Auxiliary member (current or deceased).

To apply, submit the following by April 15, 2024:

- 1) Application
- 2) A letter of recommendation from your high school principal, counselor, teacher or home school teacher.
- 3) A copy of your high school transcript.
- 4) A brief essay highlighting your community involvement, volunteer activities, honors you have received, and any organizations you participated in or outside of school.

Be sure to celebrate and recognize all students, teachers, parents and members who participate in and promote these scholarships. Invite your local media to attend and cover award ceremonies. The VFW store offers certificates for awards. Shop the VFW Store online at vfwstore.org.

Scholarship and Contest Resources

Complete list of all contest rules can be found on the following resources:

- VFW website
vfw.org/community/youth-and-education
- MALTA Members Resources
- VFW Auxiliary National Website
vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships

Department of Missouri Building Bridges Awards for Auxiliaries:

First place - \$20 (subject to approval by the council) and a citation to one Auxiliary in each of the membership groups with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

Second place: A citation to one Auxiliary in each of the membership groups with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.