

	<b>Scholarship</b> <b>November- December 2023</b>	Melinda Ross 19688 Independence Rd Lebanon, MO 65536 (417) 322-1030 <a href="mailto:mross.4107@gmail.com">mross.4107@gmail.com</a>
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Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you all!!

This is always a very exciting time of year for the scholarship program. All of the voice of democracy scholarship and patriot pens scholarship applications were due on October 31. Each post and auxiliary should be judging their local entries now. Local judging must be complete and winner submitted to district by November 15th, however check with your district for the dates that they will be conducting their judging. All district judging needs to be complete and winners submitted to department by December 15.

Please pay attention to the deadlines that are listed above and also the deadlines that are set by each district so that your winners don't miss the contest at the next level.

The next scholarship deadlines are for the following scholarships.

***Continuing Education Scholarship***

This \$1,000 Scholarship is available to Auxiliary members, Their spouses and their children. Those that have been a member for at least one year qualifies. Entrants must have financial need, be at least 18 years old, complete an application and submit an essay. The application must be sent to the National Headquarters by **February 15**. This application is available on the national website.

***Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest***

This Contest is open to Children that are in grade 9-12th. The top national award of \$15,000. Students must attend school in Missouri. This patriotic art is two dimensional artwork on paper to canvas using various media. Students will have to submit an application and a short essay explaining the patriotic art. This contest deadline for students is **March 31st**.

***Three-dimensional patriotic Art Contest***

This contest is open for students in grades 9th-12th. Students must attend school in Missouri. For this art contest, students can use paper, papier-mâché, pottery, fabric, wood, metal, or other materials. This art work must be turned in with a complete application and a short essay about their work. The Dead line for this contest is **March 31**.

Make sure you are getting the scholarship information out to the school administration and also to the teacher. Encourage them to take part in these scholarship opportunities. I am looking forward to reading your reports to see some more creative ways we all are spreading the news about our scholarships!

Remember to be reporting your events as they are completed. Don't wait to put your reports in the online reporting system.

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