

Scholarships Department of Missouri

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Thank you for all the hard work you did with the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests. Wow! Missouri has a lot of talented youth. If you haven't already, plan a recognition ceremony for the winners and judges or present their awards at a school assembly. Let the students know how grateful you are that they took the time and effort to participate in our contest. Contact local media to feature winners in the news. Also thank the teachers and parents; without their push many students would not enter the contest. Make plans to attend the Department Scholarship Banquet in January where we will announce the Department winners. This is also a great time to submit an online report to let me know what you did.

Continuing Education Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to auxiliary members, their spouse, and their children. Check out the online application and information sheet for rules and application process. The application is due to **National Headquarters by February 15.**

Missouri Past National President Scholarship

This scholarship honors Mabel Tanner and Glenneta Vogelsang who both served as National President to the VFW Auxiliary. Two awards (\$1,800 and \$1,200) are available to high school seniors. The applicants must be related (child, grandchild or great-grandchild) to a current or deceased Missouri VFW or Auxiliary member. Applications are available on the department website and should be sent to **me by April 15.**

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

These contests are open to students in grades 9-12. Students must attend school in Missouri. Along with the artwork, students will submit an application and a short essay about the patriotism expressed in the art. The deadline for students is **March 31.** Auxiliary winners should be sent directly to **me by April 15** – there is no district judging for the art contest. Please take care when packaging the artwork.

Citation for Auxiliaries

Every auxiliary that promotes and/or participates in the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest and submits a form will receive a citation from National. Promoting the contest is easy – put a notice in the local paper, in your Post newsletter and on your Facebook page. Go to schools and youth events to spread the word about the contest. One auxiliary in our conference with the most outstanding promotion of the contest will win \$25. Forms are available on the department website and are due to **me by March 31.**

Note: If you do not have access to the internet and need an application for any of our scholarships or if you need help with your online reporting, please call me and I will help.