

Scholarships

Department of Missouri



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I was so honored to be able to spend the day with the District Voice of Democracy winners and the Department Patriot's Pen winner, Makayla Cole. We toured the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. During the banquet, it was announced that Jude Wyant was the Department Voice of Democracy winner. Jude and Makayla will now represent Missouri in the National competition. Jude will be competing for a \$35,000 scholarship and Makayla will be competing for \$5,000. Good luck to both – I'm sure they will make Missouri proud!

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

The art contests are open to students in grades 9-12. Along with the artwork, students will submit an application (available on the department's website) and a short essay about the patriotism expressed in the art. Instruct the student to follow the rules precisely as described on the contest application to avoid disqualification. The deadline for students is **March 31**. For the art contests, please use judges with experience in art (check with community colleges or universities). Auxiliary winners should be sent directly to **me by April 15** – there is no district judging for the art contests. Please take care when packaging the artwork.

Citation for Auxiliaries

Every auxiliary that promotes 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. The auxiliary from the Big Ten 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**.

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. For this scholarship, the applicant does not need to reside in Missouri. Applications are available on the department website and should be sent to **me by April 15**.

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.

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