

Scholarships Department of Missouri



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All your hard work should be paying off! By now you should have student essays in hand ready for the next step. Work with your Post chairman to get the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy entrees judged and passed on to the district level.

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy:

- Before turning entries over to the judges, have students correct small errors that would otherwise get them disqualified (too many words, references that identify them, trouble with audio track, etc.).
- After judging, for every 15 essays (or fraction thereof) send one winner in each contest to the district level by November 15.

Recognition: Plan a recognition celebration for participating students! Try to include everyone who made your program successful: parents, teachers, judges, and Post and Auxiliary members. Whether you host a meal, or attend a school event, the students must know how much we appreciate their interest in participating in our program. With your Post, decide the amount and type of award you are presenting. Visit the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org for items offered to commemorate participation in both contests.

National President's Special Project

Currently the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest only awards the top 13 entries at the National level and the Three-Dimensional Contest only awards the top three National winners. Funds are being collected so that more youth can be recognized at the National level. Please consider having a special fundraiser for the Art Contests Escrow Fund so that all participants are rewarded for their effort. Get creative while raising funds – hold a paint and sip night, host a sewing party to make lap blankets, or organize a craft show! Donations (earmarked Patriotic Art) should be sent to:

VFW National Headquarters
Attn: Patriotic Art Fund
406 W 34th St, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

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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