

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Scholarship</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">March/April 2024</h3>	<p>Melinda Ross 19688 Independence Rd Lebanon, MO 65536 (417) 322-1030 mross.4107@gmail.com</p>
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I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen scholarships. I have enjoyed reading your reports and am happy to see all the hard work each post and district puts into making the futures of our next generations better. Scott Huffman and myself had the pleasure of taking the students on a tour of Jefferson City including the capitol, the national guard museum, and the highway patrol museum. The students were great, and we had a great time learning about our next leaders. Check out the department website or Facebook page for the album with all the great pictures from our day!

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.

Past President Scholarship

The Department of Missouri has two special ladies, Mabel Tanner and Glenneta Vogelsang who served as National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. To honor each of these ladies' year of service, the Department of Missouri Auxiliary offers an \$1800 Scholarship and a \$1200 Scholarship to two deserving high school seniors who are the sister, brother, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, great-granddaughter, or great-grandson of a current member of the Department of Missouri Auxiliary/VFW. This scholarship is due to me no later than April 15, 2024.

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 artwork must be turned in with a complete application and a short essay about their work. The Deadline for this contest is **March 31**.

Please make sure that the entries that you are sending on fit the criteria of the scholarship requirements. If they make it to me at the department level and don't fall within the qualifications; no matter how good they are; I will disqualify them before they reach the judges. I am excited to see the talent that we have around the state of Missouri.

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