



Hello everyone, I am Jenn Hoyt and I am this year's 2024-2025 scholarship chairman. I am a 1st grade teacher at Ingel's Elementary in the Hickman Mills school district in Kansas City, Missouri. I have been in the Education field for over 24 years. I feel that youth is our future. I am so happy to be the scholarship chairman for the 2024-2025 year.

I just wanted to reach out and speak how proud I am for all of the auxiliaries who did the scholarship program at their auxiliary this last year. The youth is who we are helping be successful in education and to help them further their education.



Walk for Scholarships

This year I want to challenge you and your Auxiliary to walk for education. Some of your sisters and brothers have smart watches or fitbits. I would like each Auxiliary to donate to the scholarship fund so we can continue to help our youth grow. One way your Auxiliary can donate is to participate in a Walking Challenge where from July 1 to December 31, 2024 you keep track of how many miles you and your auxiliary are walking. Each month you turn in your walking form to your District Scholarship Chairman and they can email it to me. Now, you are wondering how to get money for walking. Simple, ask for it! Ask your family members or your friends if they will donate to your miles. Example: Say, if I walk five miles. Ask- Will you donate \$5? You would be amazed how much money you can get donated for our scholarship fund. I will have a form available that you can use to keep track each week of how many miles you walk and how much money you get from walking.

Please reach out to your schools as soon as possible. Most schools are doing summer school until the end of June. Another place to reach out to the youth about scholarships and other award programs is church youth groups.

**Helping Our Veterans by Bridging the Gap
From Our Roots to Our Branches:
Extending Service to Our Veterans**

Continuing Education Scholarships:

This is for members and their family members. The application must be received at National Headquarters by February 15

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest Grades 9-12

Deadlines:

Participating VFW Auxiliary – March 31
(District Judging is OPTIONAL)

VFW Auxiliary Department – April 15

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters – May 5

VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest, Theme: Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?

Grades 9-12

Deadlines:

Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31

Post Judging Complete – November 15

Department Judging Complete – January 10

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15

VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, Theme: My Voice in America's Democracy?

Grades 6-8

Deadlines:

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Post Judging Complete – November 15

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Missouri Past National President Scholarship

Grade 12

The Department of Missouri offers two scholarships (\$1,800 and \$1,200) in honor of Mabel Tanner and Glenneta Vogelsang who served as National President to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. To qualify, students must be a high school senior and the sibling, child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a Missouri VFW or VFW Auxiliary member (current or deceased). Send application, transcript, letter of recommendation, and a brief essay to the Missouri Scholarship Chairman by April 15, 2025.

If you ever need to reach me you can text, call, or email me. I am usually available to talk.

