



Scholarship May/June 2025-2026

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! ARE YOU ALL EXCITED TO START ANOTHER NEW YEAR IN THE AUXILIARY?? Congratulations on being appointed as the 2025-2026 Scholarship Chairman!! This year we will be “Following the Yellow Brick Road” to make sure that we will “Be the Reason a Veterans Smiles Today” “From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans -Who keep us Free.”

DO NOT WAIT!! Now is the time to go to your public and parochial schools to let the teachers know they need to get started planning out the essays and contests in their curriculum. Speak to the Counselors to let them know what scholarships are available to their students with the deadlines for each one. Go again when school starts in the Fall to remind them. Contact your Libraries and your newspapers so they can get this information out to our home-schooled students. Just a tidbit of information-a few years back two sisters who were home-schooled won the Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen; and the judges for each contest were from two sides of the state. Let’s get this year started with a little bit of “good magic” from our Scholarship Chairmen as they spread the word for our Scholarship Program.

How exciting and wonderful is it that the **Voice of Democracy (grades 9-12) and the Patriot’s Pen (grades 6-8)** theme is the same this year: “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?”

Continuing Education Scholarship – Not all the VFW Auxiliary scholarships are for children in grade 6-12. This is incoming National President Lois Calahan’s special project so please talk to your members who may be in college about applying for this Scholarship. There is a new change for this scholarship: applicants must be **21** years of age to apply.

Young American Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest- (grades 9-12) Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen.

Missouri Past National Presidents Scholarship- High School seniors who are siblings, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of a current VFW or VFW Auxiliary member may apply for this scholarship. This was set up to honor the Past National Presidents from Missouri - Mable Tanner and Glenneta Vogelsang. This Year we have the honor of adding Brenda Bryant’s name to this Scholarship.

More information will be in the Department Program Book and on the Missouri Website: www.vfwauxmo.org or you can go to the National website: www.vfwauxiliary.org to get resources for our program. You may also go to www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education for VFW contest themes, official forms and rules for their contests and essays. Working with your VFW Counterpart can make life easier for you. “Teamwork makes the Dream Work”, “Divide and Conquer!” “Many Hands Make Light Work”.

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