



Scholarship
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Hello My Chairmen!!

We are approaching the Holiday Season and we all know that means lots of family get togethers, school and church programs and concerts! This will give you yet another opportunity to get our Scholarship information out to the children. You may even have a family member who is in the Auxiliary and considering going back to school to continue their education. You know, we all have family members who join to honor their Veteran but are not involved with the Auxiliary or know the programs. Speak with them about Lois's Special Project, you might just peak their interest in participating more in the Auxiliary. Make your **Donations** to this “Special Project”.

October 31, 2025 was the deadline for the **Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen** essays. You and your Post Chairman should have your judges lined up and ready to select your winners for this essay. The winners must be submitted to the **District Chairman by November 15, 2025**. The **District VFW Chairman** will set the date for the District judging. The **Department** judging must be completed by **January 10, 2026** and submitted to VFW National Headquarters by **January 15, 2026**. Make sure to get your reservations in when they become available for the **Department Banquet**.

Another VFW Scholarship the Auxiliary helps with is the **“Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship”** which was introduced back in 2013. This will help qualifying service members and Veterans with Financial assistance to complete their education. The applications for this scholarship can be found at: www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education

Our **National Presidents' “Special Project”** is the **Continuing Education Scholarship**. Have you made your donation to this scholarship? This can be done in Malta by your Treasurer. No donation is too small so every Auxiliary could donate to this project. If we all give a little, it will add up quickly. The main goal is to build up the funds so there can be more recipients. The application is on the **Department** website: www.vfwauxmo.org, get it printed and get it to your Auxiliary members. Don't forget the age requirement has changed and entrants **must be 21 years of age**. This application goes directly to the **National Headquarters and not to me**. Please don't let a member miss out on this opportunity by submitting it incorrectly. The application and essay must be emailed to: info@vfwauxiliary.org by the deadline of **February 15, 2026**.

Go back to your schools, churches, libraries, newspapers and Facebook pages to remind the students to start working on their **Young American Creative Patriotic Art and the 3-Dimensional Patriotic**

Art. You will find those applications on the **Department** website: www.vfwauxmo.org under the Scholarship program. I know the deadline of **March 31, 2026** seems a long time away but it will creep up on us faster than you think.

Have you been working on a way to have the **most creative and/or unique activity and/or event to educate the community about the scholarship opportunities with the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary?** There are so many ways we can introduce these scholarships to the community. Are you having a **FALL Family Freedom Festival? Maybe a Trunk or Treat Event? How about a Chili Cook-Off?** Who knows what you can come up with if you just ask your members!! You know, **there is an award for this; you can get the required entry form in Malta.** The deadline for this entry form is **March 31, 2026.**

Don't forget the **Missouri Past National Presidents Scholarship.** **PLEASE join Betty Arnold and I in the campaign to revive the Missouri Past National Scholarship.** Betty Arnold is asking everyone who wants to continue this scholarship to **PLEASE write her a letter or send an email.** Ask past recipients who have benefited from this scholarship to let her know how this helped them and their family. **Make a special donation specifically to the MPNP Scholarship fund!** **REMEMBER, this scholarship is ONLY for the High School Seniors who are a Sister, Brother, Daughter, Son, Granddaughter, Grandson, Great Granddaughter, or Great Grandson of a Current Member of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary in the Department (State) of Missouri.** The deadline for this application is **April 15, 2026.**

Keep promoting **ALL** our **Scholarships** every chance you get on Facebook and talk with newspaper reporters. If you have a television station near you, get a spot for a commercial or even a radio station spot. There are so many ways to promote this program. **Make your Requested Donations and REPORT, REPORT!!!** I just checked the dashboard and was so saddened by the lack of reporting. **REPORT AFTER EVERYTHING YOU DO!!** I know you were getting those Scholarship applications in the schools because I saw pictures on Facebook! Just go to the Dashboard and **REPORT IT!** Report after every activity you do. Do Not wait until the end of the year, you may have forgotten something by then.

I am waving my magic wand and wishing ALL OF YOU a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Very Merry Christmas! May God bless you and keep you safe during your Holiday Travels and Always! "Be the reason a Veteran Smiles Today" "From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans-Who Keep Us Free".

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