

Scholarship
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Hello My Pretties!

I know you have been hard at it getting the **Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen** information into the local and private schools, the libraries and local papers in your areas. Remember their themes are the same this year; **“How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?”** Did you contact a local television station and ask for an interview to get this material out to as many applicants as possible. The deadline to the VFW Post for both essays is **October 31, 2025- No Exceptions.**

The **Continuing Education Scholarship** is for any member who has been a member for at least 1 Year, their Spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. The **entrant must be 21 years old**, complete the application and submit a 300 word or less essay. This is our National President Lois' special project. Even though there is only one recipient per conference, we want to submit as many applicants as we can. Wouldn't it be great to see a recipient from Missouri on the National website? The deadline for the application and essays to National Headquarters is **February 15, 2026.** No Exceptions.

Talk about our **Young American Patriotic Art Contest and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest.** These two art contests are for students who are in 9-12 grades. The applicants can be from public, private, parochial, or home study programs. While U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents. Foreign Exchange students, student age 20 or older, GED and adult education students are not eligible. Nor are previous National winners eligible. Deadline for artwork: VFW Auxiliary- **March 31, 2026** (District Judging IS Optional) Department Auxiliary- **April 15, 2026** and National Auxiliary Headquarters by **May 5, 2026.** **PLEASE,** stress to your applicants they should take several pictures depicting different views of their 3-D art before submitting it. There is a possibility that even though it would be unintentional, accidents happen during transportation and breakage could occur.

It is with sadness that I must report this will be the last year for the **Missouri Past National Presidents Scholarship.** This scholarship is for seniors only. The applications, transcripts and reference letters must be sent to the Department Chairman by **April 15, 2026.** No Exceptions.

Remember, during your interviews with reporters and anchors take the opportunity to talk about ALL of our Scholarship Program. Report on the Department website all that you are doing for your program. Remember to get your copies of the QR code out to the students.



Now go out there in the land of Oz and “Be the Reason a Veteran Smiles Today” “From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans—Who Keep Us Free.”

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