

Scholarship May/June
Department of Missouri 2026-2027
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Hello Chairmen,

Have you sent the letters or emails to Betty Arnold in favor of continuing the Missouri Past National Presidents Scholarship? Have you contacted your previous winners and asked them to respond to the plea to continue it? The Department pays out a total of \$3,000.00 per year for this Scholarship. There will be a vote by the registered Delegates at the Department Convention in June as to whether or not this Scholarship will remain in effect. I have read many reports of the donations sent for this specific Scholarship and I thank you for answering my plea.

PLEASE NOTE!!! District Presidents will be required to pick up all Creative Patriotic Art between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Saturday June 13, 2026. District Presidents will be required to sign for ALL the art from their District before it will be given to them. I will not be returning the art to the entrants.

NOW here is new information!!

I am giving you a head start on next year's information. This will give your Auxiliary a jump on the program. I want you to get this into the schools before they end their year for the Summer break. **DO NOT WAIT!!!** By getting this to the teachers early, they have a better opportunity to work it into their curriculum and make it a class assignment for the 2026-2027 school year. Please remember, you are still the 2025-2026 Scholarship chairman until the incoming Department President has been installed at the Department Convention on June 13th.

How wonderful that the **Voice of Democracy (grades 9-12)** and the **Patriot's Pen (grades 6-8)** theme is the same again this year. The theme for 2026-2027 is: **"What A Veteran Taught Me About America"**.

Young American Creative 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.

Not all VFW Auxiliary Scholarships are just for children in grades 6-12. We have the **Continuing Education Scholarship**. This Scholarship is available to any Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least 1 year), their daughter, son or spouse with a financial need, The entrant must be 21 years of age.

There will be more information on the Scholarship program in the 2026-2027 Program book. You can also get information on the Department of Missouri website: www.vfwauxmo.org or you can go to the VFW Auxiliary National website: www.vfwauxiliary.org to get resources on this program. You may also go to www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education for the VFW Scholarships that are available. **Working with your VFW Counterpart will make a great year for your VFW and your Auxiliary.**

Just remember, the new information on the website will not be available until a few days after July 1st. National VFW Auxiliary Headquarters will need this time to transition and update information from the 2025-2026 year to the 2026-2027 year. **Danetta**