SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By now all Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen entries have been submitted to the local Posts and Auxiliaries and the judging completed. The deadline for Post judging to be completed was November 15. District judging is to be completed by December 15 and the winning entry sent to the Department. January 10 is the deadline for the Department judging to be complete. Remember to recognize contest winners on every level.

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

The Patriotic Art Contest is open to all students, including home schooled students, in grades 9-12. There is a maximum student age of 18 at time of local entry. The student must be a US citizen or US national. The student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW auxiliary member but must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW auxiliary.

Deadlines: Local auxiliary – March 31

 Department - April 15

 National - May 5

The entry must be completed during the current school year. A complete application must be completed and attached to the back of the entry along with a typed explanation of the entry. (250 words or less} Two and three dimensional submissions are accepted. See the student s brochure included in your packets or go to [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships) for more details.

You can help to increase the Creative Patriotic Art Awards by sending a donation to the Patriotic Art Escrow Fund. To donate send a check to: VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

 ATTN: Patriotic Art Fund

 406 W. 34th Street 10th floor

 Kansas City, MO 64111

Earmark the check for Patriotic Art. This will help to increase the number and dollar amounts of the awards. The National Scholarships are: First Place-$15,000, Second Place-$7,500, Third Place-$3,500, Fourth Place-$1,500, Fifth through Eighth Place-$500.00.

Remember that there is a citation to every auxiliary that promotes this program. The form for this was in your packets and should be mailed to me by March 31, 2020.

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