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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Scholarships Guide Sheet 2025-26

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Facebook Page: Scholarships - Michigan

National Theme: From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free

Department Theme: We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All

PROGRAM GOALS

Student Participation - Recipient Recognition - Community Awareness - Increasing the Fund

The Scholarship Program encourages patriotism, assist students in attaining an education and help students reach their full potential. This increases VFW and Auxiliary recognition while supporting our communities, students and members. The following is a list of the Scholarships available:

- ❖ 2025-2026 VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest – Theme: “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?”
- ❖ 2025-2026 VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest – Theme: “How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?”
- ❖ Continuing Education Scholarship
- ❖ Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art

National Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions hosting the most creative and/or unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries send the required entry form to the Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Department Awards

- Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and VFW Auxiliary. Auxiliary must send the required National entry form to the Department Chairman. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.
- Best overall promotion of the Voice of Democracy program. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall promotion of the Patriot's Pen program. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.

- Best overall promotion of the Continuing Education Scholarship. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall promotion of the 2-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall promotion of 3-Dimensional Young American Creation Patriotic Art Contest. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-50	#3 -51-68	#4 - 69-84	#5 - 85-98
#6 - 99-115	#7 - 116-139	#8 -140-166	#9 -167-237	#10 -238-OVER

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Assist the VFW Post in promoting or conducting the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest		
Assist the VFW Post in promoting or conducting the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest		
Assist the VFW Post in promoting VFW's "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship"		
Host/co-host with the VFW an award ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in any/all contests		
Total dollar amount and/or value of awards presents by Auxiliary in any/all contests		
Promote/participate in the Continuing Education Scholarship Contest		
Donation to the Continuing Education Scholarship		
Promote/participate in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship		
Number of students submitted 2-Dimensional art entries for judging		
Donation to Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship		
Promote/participate in the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Scholarship		
Number of students submitted 3-Dimensional art entries for judging		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter		

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