

# MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY

## SCHOLARSHIPS BULLETIN

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*National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans*

*Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us*

#### Participation Recognition Program Awareness Scholarship Fund Building

Welcome to the 2023-2024 scholarship programs. I am very excited to have been chosen as this year's Department Scholarship Chairman. I have some very big shoes to fill with my predecessors, with your help we can help Michigan and President Sara shine this year. Please review your guide sheets. Promotion of all the programs is your first task at hand. Helping our posts with Scholarship Programs will add to both the VFW and Auxiliary having a successful year. When you present and provide information to your own members as well as those in your community you will promote awareness of the wonderful things, we as an Auxiliary do. When all is said and done, recognition of all participants, the actual winners, school personnel, each judge, and Post and Auxiliary members who were involved in the execution and completion of your scholarships project and program, when completed. Please help to support the funding of the awards by holding events earmarked Scholarships and/or making donations. TOGETHER we can provide an awesome opportunity for our youth.

This month I am promotion the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Contests. because the timing is right. Get out to the Schools, Home Schoolers, Community Youth Groups, Church Youth Groups, etc. Go with a positive attitude and supply the Post, Department and National Scholarship amounts. Mostly encourage participation!

**Voice of Democracy** theme: "What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"

**Patriot Pen** theme: "How Are You Inspired by America?"

1. Voice of Democracy (audio essay) & Patriot's Pen (written essay) VOD is 9th-12th grades. When promoting these programs, make sure you include all guidelines & forms needed – found at Department websites: [www.vfwmi.org](http://www.vfwmi.org), [www.vfwauxmi.org](http://www.vfwauxmi.org) or National websites: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org). **These are VFW Programs that we help support.**
2. **Important dates:** October 31, 2023 (Entries at Post level), November 15, 2023 (Entries at District level), December 15, 2023 (Entries at Department level).
3. Department VOD top prize \$6,000 and PP \$1,000. National VOD top prize \$35,000 and PP \$5,000. District and Local awards vary.

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This month is all about the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and the Continuing Education Scholarship.

### **Patriotic Art**

March 31, 2024, Entries at Local Level: The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship is open to students in grades 9th-12th grades (including Home schooled network). Students must be residents of Michigan and be sponsored by a Michigan Auxiliary.

1. Two dimensional - \*Must be on canvas or paper \*Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker, or other media may be used \*Do not frame two-dimensional pieces \*submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board \*Other entries must be matted in white \*Do not use color mats. Reinforce the back with heavy paper \* Mounted and floating mats may also be used \*The art should be no smaller than 8"x10" but no larger than 18"x24", not including the mat. \*\*\*13 National Prizes Range from \$15,000 to \$500.00
2. Three dimensional - Can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, sculpture, fabric, wood, metalwork, etc. \*Entries may not be larger than 18" in any direction or more than 5 lbs. in weight – jewelry, digital art and photography are not acceptable. \*\*\*National Prizes: First place is \$2500.00, Second Place is \$1,000.00, Third Place is \$500.00

Scholarships place our Auxiliary directly into our communities.

### **Continuing Education**

February 15, 2024: Continuing Education Scholarship is open to members, their spouses, or children over the age of 18 providing financial assistance to further their education.

1. The application includes an essay of no more than 300 words and is sent to National Headquarters. Four \$1,000.00 are awarded each year, in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences. Get the word out early to Posts and Auxiliaries by using posters, newsletters, websites, social media, and meeting announcements. Application can be found at [www.vfwmi.org](http://www.vfwmi.org) & [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org)

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