



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Bulletin – June/July 2024

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*National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans
Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire*

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



Welcome to the 2024-25 VFW Auxiliary Program year. I am honored to be your Scholarship Chairman again this year. I know this year working with President Jane and all the Michigan members will provide another successful year.

The goals presented by our National Ambassador are to encourage our students to participate and then recognize all that participated not just the winners. We need to bring more community awareness to each of our programs. **Promotion is key!** Providing donations to the escrow accounts will help keep these program awards growing.

As we are approaching summer break from school, it is not too early to get the information out to our youth. Anywhere you see students, tell them about all our programs including the ones under the Youth Chairmanship. Please review the new guide sheet for this year's goals. I will be discussing these in later bulletins, the training day at the June convention and at the Fall conference.

Scholarship Programs:

- Voice of Democracy 9th -12th grade
- Patriot's Pen 6th - 8th grade
- Continuing Education Auxiliary family members, age 21 and older attending advanced educational training.
- Young American Creative Patriotic Art 9th - 12th grade
- 3-Dimensional Art 9th – 12th grade

Themes for this year:

Voice of Democracy (VOD): Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?

Patriot's Pen (PP): My Voice: in America's Democracy?

Rules/regulation and entry forms will be available on the department website, or you may purchase them from the VFW store. www.vfwstore.org

While not a scholarship but a very important part to education is the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Citation for Elementary, Middle and High School teachers and their schools. TOY was added to the Scholarship program last year.

Due Dates:

- VOD/PP/TOY: Post - October 31, 2024, District - November 15, 2024, and Department - December 15, 2024
- Patriotic Arts and 3-D Art: March 31, 2025, post, Department April 15, 2025.
- Continuing Education: Feb 15, 2025

Each month I will promote 1-2 of our scholarships or TOY programs. I am here to help you with anything you may need for this chairmanship. Being a teacher, I know how important it is to encourage our youth. They are our future leaders. Remember the VOD/PP/TOY are VFW programs. We should be working closely with our posts, assisting them with the promotion, recognition, and funding of each of these programs. Meet with your VFW post chairman this summer to see how you can help them.

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