

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Scholarships Guide Sheet 2026-2027

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**National Theme:** Serving America's Heroes  
**Department Theme:** Leading With a Patriots Heart

## **PROGRAM GOALS**

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

The Scholarship Program encourages patriotism, assists students in attaining an education and helps 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 for the 2026-2027 year:

- ❖ 2026-2027 VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest – Theme: "What A Veteran Taught Me about America?"
- ❖ 2026-2027 VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest – Theme: "What A Veteran Taught Me about America?"
- ❖ Continuing Education Scholarship
- ❖ Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest
- ❖ 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

## **National Awards for Auxiliaries**

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding "Red Carpet" event / celebration honoring VFW and VFW Auxiliary Scholarship participants.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2027, for judging.

The Department Scholarships Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Scholarships Ambassador by April 30, 2027, 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 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Department Awards**

- Best overall promote/participate assisting the VFW Post in promoting or conducting the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall promote/participate assisting the VFW Post in promoting or conducting the Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall promote/participate of the Continuing Education Scholarship. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall promote/participate of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall promote/participate of the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall award ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in any/all contests. \$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-54	#3 -55-70	#4 – 71-94	#5 – 95-124	
#6 – 125-150	#7 – 151-195	#8 -196-226	#9 -227-299	#10 -300-OVER	
Achievements				Completed	Reported
Promote/participate an assist the VFW Post in promoting or conducting the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest					
Promote/participate an assist the VFW Post in promoting or conducting the Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest					
Promote/participate in the Continuing Education Scholarship Contest					
Promote/participate in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest					
How many Young American Creative Patriotic Art submitted for judging-Auxiliary Level					
Promote/participate in the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest					
How many 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest submitted for judging-Auxiliary Level					
Host/co-host with the VFW an award ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in any/all contests					
Donation made through National for the National Continuing Education Scholarship Contest					
Donation made through National Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest					
Attend and register at any training					
Attend and register at own District Meeting					
Report every quarter					
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