

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary SCHOLARSHIPS BULLETIN January 2023

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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

National Scholarship Program Goals

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

Welcome 2023!! Congratulations to the participants and winners of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarships throughout the Department of Michigan and Good Luck to the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Department of Michigan Winners at the National Competition.



REPORTING: Have you really taken time to look at the Scholarship guide-sheet? It's great you read the bulletin at meetings – but – that's not the only point to report. What do you need to report? The first achievement is really 5 achievements wrapped up into one (sneaky, huh). When you choose #1 to report **PLEASE** say **which program you promoted** and **how you promoted** in the **Description** section. #2 is really 3 programs in 1 – **which program donated to and how much** needs to be in the **description**. #3 & #4 – include how many received. The **DESCRIPTION is IMPORTANT** because it tells the story and can mean the difference in Department Awards. **One more plea** – filling out the National form for the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest is important because I need that information to fill out my reports to Department. Reporting after every meeting is helpful too.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: **February 15, 2023 will be here before you know it!** That's the deadline date for the VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship, which is open to members (who have been a member for at least a year), their spouses, or children over the age of 18 and it provides financial assistance to further their education. The application needs to include an essay of no more than 300 words about why you need the scholarship. The application is sent directly to National Headquarters. Four \$1,000.00 scholarships are awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences. Get the word out early to members in Posts and Auxiliaries by using posters, newsletters, websites, social media, and meeting announcements. The Application can be found at www.vfwmi.org and www.vfwauxiliary.org. Applications are sent directly to the National VFW Auxiliary office and are due by **February 15, 2023**.

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST: You can be the **KEY** that unlocks the artistic talent in your area! Contact the schools, art studios, 4-H Clubs, Scouts, Church groups and any other youth organizations you can think of and tell them about the two VFW Auxiliary Art competitions available for 9th- to 12th grade age young people. You can order, **FREE** of charge, the applications for both contests from the National office. The form is on the National and Department Websites. Sample social media postings are on the website – or make up your own – the important thing is to get the word out and **ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION!**



You are the “Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care”. Reporting what you do for the VFW Scholarship Program is a way you can “BE THE ANCHOR FOR OUR VETERANS, HOLD THEM STEADY AND SAFE”.

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