

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary SCHOLARSHIPS BULLETIN

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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

Guide Sheet point #1: Have you read it? You should be accomplishing part of it already by promoting and helping the VFW with the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Programs. Students should be informed by now and ready to write their essays. The deadline for student entry is October 31, 2022 – the first deadline for the Scholarship Program. Be sure to report all the ways you helped to promote and carry out these two contests. Working as a team we can make sure the youth of our nation will find out the answer to "Why is the Veteran Important?" through the Voice of Democracy Program and be able to tell America "My Pledge to our Veterans" through the Patriot's Pen. Please help the VFW make sure the application for entering are legible and completely filled out and that the results are entered in the VFW Reporting Dashboard system. Your help as an Auxiliary is important – but remember this is a VFW program and we are the "**Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care**" to be the "**Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe**".

That first guide sheet point spells the whole program out – be sure to include and report all you do for all the programs. When answering #1 - "HOW?" is the important thing to answer – I am hoping you went to the school to promote the programs, but what did you do when you got there? Remember there are five parts to #1 on the guide sheet – handle one at a time and it will be a breeze to tell me exactly **WHAT** program it was, **WHAT** you did, **WHEN** you did it and **HOW** you did it.

I can't wait for the Patriotic Art Contest! This year it's not just one opportunity – there are two opportunities for those in grades 9-12 to enter artwork. Two dimensional (must be on canvas or paper) and three dimensional (can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, sculpture, fabric, wood, metalwork, etc....). These are two separate contests and two sets of prizes will be awarded by the Department and National. Make sure you read the rules for both contests and convey those to the students and teachers as soon as possible – artwork takes time and being informed early can make the difference! The rules, forms and other ideas about the contest are on the Auxiliary Web Site (Department & National) and our Facebook page.

Patriotic Art Deadline for both contests: March 31, 2023

Prizes: Two dimensional – \$1,000.00; \$750.00; \$500.00; \$250.00; \$100.00

Three dimensional – First: \$500.00; Second: \$250.00; Third: \$100.00

Please check out the website and Facebook to take advantage of all the information available to you. If you don't think you can enter the information to report what you have done in the Scholarship program, please feel free to give me a call or send your report to me for entering. Attending the trainings offered at District Meetings and Fall Conference will help with learning how to do things. Zoom trainings will also be offered to members! Being informed is the way to go!

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