

# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary SCHOLARSHIPS BULLETIN September 2022

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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

**“Hold the Presses!”** Have you heard the News? We have a new Department of Michigan VFW Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen, and Teacher of the Year Director to welcome! Welcome to Mike Martin, 616-594-9151, [forevergrunt@gmail.com](mailto:forevergrunt@gmail.com). I look forward to working with him and helping to reach all the students we possibly can for these programs. Working as a team – we can Accomplish Our Goals!

**REPORTING:** I’ve been getting a lot of reports! Thank you, that is great! But they haven’t been very informative – a little “general” in nature, like for instance - **#1. Promoted/participated in programs (Continuing Education, Patriotic Art, 2- and 3-Dimensional, Patriot’s Pen, and Voice of Democracy- Report each program and how you promoted it.)** Under description I see: Took flyers to school - THE END. (Great! What flyers did you take? How many did you take? How much did they cost to make? How many of you went to the school? How many miles did you travel to get to school? Did you go to open house? Did you talk to anyone at school?) I realize it isn’t broken down for you as 5 different points– but you need to give me all the information – THE REST OF THE STORY! Do one at a time, then you have more reporting items! This promotion will go on after the essays are done – how many essays did you pick up, which program was it – etc. There are 5 programs – VOD, PP, Continuing Education, 2-dimensional Art, and 3-Dimensional Art – Report on each – this gives you 5 reports not just one “I took flyers to school”.

I realize it’s boring and sometimes confusing to fill out forms, and when you hear “It will be fixed soon” it’s frustrating! But .... have faith! Believe! Give it a try and keep at it..... don’t let it get you down. You Can Master the Report! Work as a team and you can teach that computer who is boss! Or ask for help!

School has started in some areas already! Those essays will be coming in before you know it (Deadline is October 31 to the Post). Prepare now to find your judges and get the rules out to them, get score sheets ready, set a date for judging and sharpen those eyes to make sure all the forms from students are filled in correctly and legibly! Read over the rules yourself and make sure you know how to instruct your judges. If you have any questions give me a call – if I can’t answer your question, I’ll find someone who can!



I hope you will attend a School of Instruction at your District meeting or please attend Fall Conference. “Old King Cole” and “Mother Goose” are excited to continue their Adventures! Attend to see what happens next!

“Why is the Veteran Important?” We will soon find out when the students tell us their thoughts through the Voice of Democracy Program (grades 9-12) and we will know what Patriot’s Pen students (grades 6-8) thoughts are about “My Pledge to our Veterans”! 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”**.



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