

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary SCHOLARSHIPS BULLETIN October 2022

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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



The excitement is building for the countdown to the deadline for the Voice of Democracy (9th-12th grades “Why is the Veteran Important?”) and Patriot’s Pen (grades 6th-8th grades – “My Pledge to our Veterans”) competitions! The October 31st deadline is less than a month away! Have you helped your VFW counterpart get ready for judging and completing all the paperwork? It’s important to make sure all paperwork is complete and legible when it’s sent to the next level! Then, the excitement

continues with planning an awards ceremony for the participants. Make sure participants know how important their participation is to the Veterans. Remember YOU can “Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe”.



What’s Next? - **Continuing Education Scholarship (February 15, 2023):** This program is open to any Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least a year), their spouse, son, or daughter. Entrant must be at least 18 years old, complete the application, and submit an essay. The application is sent directly to National Headquarters **by 2-15-23**. Four \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded. Bring this up at every meeting and make sure your membership knows this is available! You could be the catalyst that produces the next college graduate from your Auxiliary!

COMING ATTRACTIONS? The TWO Patriotic Art Contests! I know you must be as excited about this one as I am! The deadline isn’t until March 31, 2023, but it’s never too early to promote. I’m sure you have planted the seed for participation by talking to the Art Teacher at School, putting articles in the Newspaper, putting information on-line, and spreading excitement about entering BOTH contests - Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest & the 3-dimensional American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Visit ceramic shops, check out “shop” class (woodworking) if your school has one (types of 3-dimensional art) to see if there are any young people doing projects that would like to participate. Remember, the best promotion of the 3-dimensional Creative Art Contest is an Auxiliary Competition at the National Level – that could be YOU!



These art competitions don’t have a “named” theme, other than – “Patriotic”, which is anything that means Patriotic to the artist. When you promote these programs to the community, recognize past winning entries by showing them as an example or an advertisement. Encourage young people in 9th-12th grade to start early to meet the March 31st deadline for entry.

Have you sent in your donation to the Young American Patriotic Art Fund and the 3-dimensional Patriotic Art Fund? Don't forget to put the dollar amount on your report. This is not your donation to the Scholarship Fund for Department donations, it is an additional donation that goes to National. Let your Treasurer know that they can make that donation through MALTA!

A little clarification.....I realize when the chairmanship is "Scholarship" you'd think it means anything to do with scholarships – not so, it's what you did to reach the Scholarship points on the Scholarship guidesheet – not the fact that your Auxiliary gave a scholarship to a student, who was not in the V.O.D. contest (that good deed should be sent to Youth Activities) or that you gave a scholarship to a Veteran (that would go to Veterans and Family Support). These kind of scholarship projects are fantastic but they would be rejected by me and I would try to contact you to let you know where they should be sent – if all information is filled in on your report sheet (name, e-mail, telephone # is very important).

Speaking of reports, thank you for reporting! Remember to please use detail in the explanation. I'm sure everyone is doing more than "reporting at the meeting". Take 10 minutes when you get home from your meeting, get out that laptop, and show it who is master **REPORT WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO REACH YOUR GOALS! YOU ARE THE "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care" to be the "Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe".**

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