

# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary SCHOLARSHIPS BULLETIN November 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



**Let's get on with the Show.....** The deadline for the Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen student entry has come and gone! Now it's time to say Thank you to all those who participated in your local contest! Don't forget the teachers and any other adults who may have helped – judges, members and parents. You are the connection to the students participating in these programs - you can be the catapult to help them have the desire to achieve throughout their lives. You never know what the Voice of Democracy theme "Why is the Veteran Important" or the Patriots

Pen theme "My Pledge to Our Veterans" inspired in a young mind. Making them feel important for their accomplishment can make the difference for them doing this kind of competition in the future.



**District Chairman!** – PLEASE check with your VFW counterpart to make sure a room is reserved for your District winner and family for the Department of Michigan VOD Awards Weekend (Jan. 27-29-2023)! It is customary for the District/Winning Post & Auxiliary of each District to pay for the accommodations for the weekend for the winning family. The student's Banquet ticket is covered by the Department, but the family reservation for the banquet and awards program tickets needs to be paid for and ordered. The Winning Post/District needs to check with the District to see what the policy is for who pays for banquet tickets and room reservation for the family and who is in charge of ordering them. The banquet is January 27-29, 2023 at the Raddison in Kalamazoo. The reservation forms are on the Department website. Rooms go fast – so make sure it is done right away! You know you are going to have a District winner, so make the reservation now!

**An exciting friendly competition** between VFW Commander-in-Chief Timothy Borland and VFW Auxiliary National President Jane Reape was announced in the Oct. 2022 issue of the VFW National Magazine to raise money to support the Voice of Democracy Program. The two leaders have issued a challenge to see who can raise the most money during the year for this program. This is a perfect way to demonstrate the teamwork between the VFW and the Auxiliary - showing that together we can achieve a positive outcome for the Voice of Democracy program and educate our young people to think about Veterans and their part in shaping history. Let's go Department of Michigan Auxiliaries – make your donation today and report the amount you sent!

**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](http://www.vfwmi.org) and [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org). Applications are sent directly to the National VFW Auxiliary office and are due by **February 15, 2023**.



**Your Help is needed** to support the VFW Auxiliary's National President's Special Project – the 3-dimensional Art Escrow Fund. Please help “build for the future”! Auxiliaries can log into MALTA - Click “Make a Gift”, select National President's Special Project or mail checks earmarked 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art to National Headquarters. This is also part of the guide sheet and will fulfill one of the points there. Supporting the 3-D Art contest is also on the form to fill out for National Report form for Auxiliaries at the end of the year. Please support and report how much you donated for this new program.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>- to 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Use social media to get the word out! I'd like to have entries from every Auxiliary! Wouldn't that be Fantastic! ENCOURAGEMENT CAN DO WONDERS!

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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