



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Scholarships Guide Sheet 2022-2023

[www.vfwauxmi.org](http://www.vfwauxmi.org)

Facebook Page: Scholarships-Michigan

*National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care*

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

### **PROGRAM GOALS**

**Student Participation**

**Recipient Recognition**

**Community Awareness**

**Increasing the Fund**

Congratulations VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman! You have been selected to bring the opportunity of a lifetime to the students in your community. Spread the word to our younger generation the meaning of Patriotism by participating in the VFW & Auxiliary Scholarships offered to help them achieve their full potential. You can achieve all goals by completing the following programs. Please note that there are now two separate Patriotic Art Contests, one for two-dimensional art and one for three-dimensional art.

1. **Continuing Education Scholarship:** 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 must be received at National Headquarters **by February 15, 2023**. Four \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded.
2. **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest:** This two-dimensional contest is open to any student in grades 9-12, who is a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National. Applicant does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member but must attend school in the same Department as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary. Entries will be judged on Patriotic theme and technique. One Michigan winner will be forwarded to National. Please refer to the student brochure that can be found at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships) for more details on requirements for artwork and the application.
3. **3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest:** Refer to the guidelines listed above in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.

**Deadlines for both contests: Local Auxiliary – March 31, 2023 Department – April 15, 2023**

**Donations to the Patriotic Art Escrow Fund** is a vital part of this program to help increase the awards for this contest. The goal is to increase the number and dollar amounts of the awards. Your Auxiliary's participation in a fundraiser will help with this cause.

4. **Assist VFW Post with Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest:** (Theme to be announced) This contest is open to all students, including home schooled students, in grades 9-12. Students must be a resident of the state where entered. A theme is assigned by the National VFW every year. Students write and then record their original 3-5-minute essay on the theme announced on an audio CD or flash drive. Please refer to student brochure that can be found at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships) for complete details on requirements and application for contest.

**Deadlines-Student submits to Post by Oct. 31, 2022. Post submits to the District **by November 15, 2022**.**

5. **2022-23 Assist VFW Post with Patriot's Pen Essay Contest:** (Theme to be announced) This contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 6-8. Students must be a resident of the state where entered. Student must write an original 300-400-word essay on the National Theme. Please refer to the student brochure at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships) for complete details on requirements and application for contest.

**Deadlines-**Student submits to Post **by Oct. 31, 2022.** Post submits to the District by **November 15, 2022.**

### Scholarship and Contest Resources

**VFW website:** [www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education](http://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education)

**VFW Auxiliary website:** [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships)

**Department website:** [www.vfwauxmi.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxmi.org/scholarships)

**VFW Store:** [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) or call 833-839-838

### NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

Most outstanding promotion and/or participation of the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest

- Citation to every Auxiliary that promotes the 3-Dimensional Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Criteria and entry form (required) available at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources). Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2023.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding promotion of the 3-Dimensional Art Contest.

### DEPARTMENT AWARDS

- ✓ Best promotion of the Scholarship Program in each membership category  
\$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary; Citation to the Chairman
- ✓ Best Overall promotion of the Continuing Education Scholarship  
\$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary; Citation to the Chairman
- ✓ Best Overall promotion of 2-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest  
\$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary; Citation to the Chairman
- ✓ Best promotion of 3-Dimensional Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest in each membership category. Auxiliary must send the required National entry form to the Department Chairman.  
\$10 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary; Citation to the Chairman
- ✓ Best Overall promotion of Voice of Democracy  
\$10 and a Citation of Merit to Auxiliary; Citation to Chairman
- ✓ Best Overall promotion of Patriots Pen Program  
\$10 and a Citation of Merit to Auxiliary; Citation to Chairman

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

<b>#1 -10-36</b>	<b>#2 -37-50</b>	<b>#3 51-68</b>	<b>#4 - 69-84</b>	<b>#5 - 85-98</b>
<b>#6 - 99-115</b>	<b>#7 - 116-139</b>	<b>#8 -140-166</b>	<b>#9 -167-237</b>	<b>#10 -238-OVER</b>

<b>Achievements</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Reported</b>
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.)		
Donated to the national Continuing Education Scholarship Contest, Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship fund, 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest Scholarship fund		
Submitted an entry in the 2-Dimensional Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest – (Report number of entries to the Auxiliary for judging.)		
Submitted an entry in 3-Dimensional Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. (Report number of entries to the Auxiliary for judging.)		
Hosted or co/hosted an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in the Scholarships contests.		
Donated to the national 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Escrow Fund (Report how much was donated.)		
Sent in required national form for the Patriotic 3-Dimensional Art Contest		
Chairman attended a School of Instruction – Sunday 2022 Convention Training, District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Chairman attended their own District Meeting		
Reported every quarter		

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