

Scholarships AUGUST 2025-2026

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Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are as excited as I am to get this Scholarships year going! We offer opportunities to our youth to help with college expenses, which is a big deal when families are budgeting for college.

Continuing Education Scholarship is for all members of the VFW Auxiliary, (if they have been a member for a year) their children and spouse, who is at least 21 years of age. Applicant's write a 300- word essay, on how this scholarship would help them obtain their goals. One \$1,250 scholarship will be awarded to each of the four Conferences. If selected, Funds will be sent to the college/university or vocational/technical school they plan on attending. Deadline for submission is February 15, 2025 to National VFW Auxiliary Headquarters. This contest is also National President Lois Callahan's special project to raise more funds this year. So, make sure you add this contest to your list of donations.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art is for students in grades 9-12 with a passion for art. Foreign exchange students, students aged 20 or older, GED and adult education students are **not** eligible. Previous winners of VFW Auxiliary National Young American Creative Patriotic Art are not eligible. Entry must be completed during the current school year. Paper art entries should be reinforced with heavy paper on back, mats may be used, including mounted and floating mats. Canvas entries must be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Entries may not be smaller than 8X10 and not larger than 18X24 including mat. Acrylic, watercolor, oil, chalk, charcoal, ink, marker, pencil mixed or other media may be used. Digital art and photography are **not** accepted. Please type or print legible entry form including student and parent and or guardian signatures. Typed or printed legible artist statement of 250 words or less. Student name must be on back of entry. March 31, 2026 is the student deadline for entries to local VFW Auxiliary.

Kansas VFW Endowment is a scholarship for **all** Kansas VFW and Auxiliary members, their children and grandchildren. Completed application is due to local VFW or Auxiliary for verification on membership before February 1, 2026. September is Endowment month your donations are needed for this scholarship.

3-Dimensional Art is for students in grades 9-12. Foreign exchange students, students aged 20 or older, GED and adult education student are **not** eligible. Previous winners of VFW Auxiliary National 3-Dimension Art are not eligible. Entry must have been completed during the current school year. Entry may be not larger than 18" in any direction, and not weigh more than 5 pounds. Stone, clay, metal, wood, fabric, papier mache, pottery, mixed and other media may be used. Digital art, photography, weapons, art generated by a 3-D printer and jewelry may not be used. Typed or printed legible explanation of the steps used to create the 3-Dimensional art entry and artist statement of 250 words or less. Must submit at least two photos of completed art entry. March 31, 2026 is the student deadline for entries to local VFW Auxiliary.

Patriot's Pen is a VFW contest that the VFW Auxiliary usually help promote and judge. "How Are You Showing Patriotism And Support For Our Country" is the 2025-2026 theme. Students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades may enter. Foreign Exchange students are ineligible. Essays are to be typed in English with no color or graphics. 300-400 words in length. The essay title or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count. Do not put name on essay. The entry form is your essays cover sheet. The essay must be the students original work and a product of their own thinking. The approach to the theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Student deadline to local VFW by midnight October 31, 2025.

Voice of Democracy is a VFW contest that the VFW Auxiliary usually help promote and judge the entries. Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy share the same theme for 2025-2026. Students in grades 9-12 may enter. Foreign Exchange students, students age 20 or over, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible. Students record in their own voice a 3-5 minute (+ or – 5 seconds max) audio entry on flash drive or other electronic device. You will submit the recording, typed essay and the completed entry form. Entries are due to local VFW by midnight October 31, 2025.

National Awards:

Most creative/unique activity and /or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that host the most creative/unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the completed entry form to the Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging. I will then select the winning entry form and send to National Scholarships Ambassador Philip Reinbold by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Awards:

- Auxiliaries and Districts who make at least a \$75 donation to Kansas Endowment Scholarship **and** Continuing Education Scholarship will receive a citation.
- Best promotion of the entire Scholarships program will receive a monetary award. Awards will be based on membership.

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