

Scholarships October 2025-2026

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Brothers and Sisters,

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. Please go to the Kansas website at www.vfwauxks.org for judging sheets.

Voice of Democracy is a audio essay for students in grades 9-12. The theme for 2025-2026 is "How Art You Showing Patriotism and Support For Our Country"? Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or – 5 second max.) audio essay on a f lash drive, or other electronic device. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or VFW Post for judging. In addition, you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. Inappropriate use of ChatGPT or other AI tools is not allowed. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to your name, school, city, state, race or national origin) although the recording and typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. Judging sheets are available on the Kansas website at www.vfwauxks.org

Our next promotion will be Kansas VFW Endowment. VFW and Auxiliary members may apply for this scholarship along with their children or grandchildren. Members must be a member of a Kansas VFW or Auxiliary and in good standing. Seniors who are graduating May 2026, someone already enrolled in college or someone desiring a career change later in life may apply. Completed application must be verified by the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Deadline is February 1, 2026 to Dept Kansas VFW Headquarters P.O. Box 1008 Topeka, Ks. 66601-1008. Donations are needed for this Scholarship!

Continuing Education Scholarship is for Auxiliary members and their spouse, son or daughter who are at least 21 years of age. A typed application and summary of how this Scholarship will help you achieve your goals in 300 words or less, is due to National VFW Auxiliary Headquarters by February 15, 2026. There will be one winner selected from each of the four Conferences. Donations are needed for this Scholarship, so add this as a donation at your next meeting!

Next month I will go over the Patriotic Art and 3-Dimension Art which are due March 31,2026.

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