

Scholarships
February Sunflower Express
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National President
Carla Martinez's theme
"Banding Together For Our Veterans"

Department President
Mike McCandless's theme
"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work"

Congratulations to the Patriot's Pen winners!

3rd place Jaci Sandberg sponsored by 5th District, Post and Auxiliary #3111 Great Bend

2nd place Emerson Biermann sponsored by 6th District, Post and Auxiliary #6752 Leoti

1st place Lucy Alexander sponsored by 4th District, Post and Auxiliary #6240 Russell

Congratulations to the Voice of Democracy winners!

3rd place Hannah Rodriguez sponsored by 1st District, Post and Auxiliary #56 Leavenworth

2nd place Per Nelson sponsored by 5th District, Post and Auxiliary #2715 McPherson

1st place Lillian Payne sponsored by 7th District, Post and Auxiliary #7972 Ransom

Continuing Education Scholarship

This scholarship is for any Auxiliary member who has been a member for at least one year, their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. **New** this year the entrant must be at least 21 years old. Entry form must be completed and an essay of 300 words or less on how this scholarship would help them attain their future goals. **New** amount of **\$1,250** will be awarded to one applicant in each of the four Conferences. Applications must be received by **February 15, 2024** at National Headquarters.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art

This contest is for students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students, or previous national winners may not apply. Both contests have a student deadline of **March 31, 2024** to local VFW Auxiliary. **District judging is optional**. One entry from each Auxiliary is due to Department Chairman by **April 15, 2024**.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art (Two-Dimensional Art)

Entries must be on paper or canvas, watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used. Submit canvas entries on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted in white. Reinforce the back of paper with a heavy paper. Art can be no smaller than 8"x 10: but no larger than 18"x24", not including the mat.

3-Dimensional Art

The following may be used, paper, paper mache, pottery, sculpture, fabric, wood, metalwork, etc. Art may not be larger than 18" in any direction, weigh more than 5 lbs in weight or be jewelry. For both art contests no digital art, photography and jewelry may not be used.

Something **NEW** to think about... Let's see how many Auxiliaries will start up their own Scholarship. This is a great way to get your name out in your community. You could offer it to students who are going to a trade school, community college, nursing school, University etc. You may not be able to start out with a large amount but you can always add to it each year.

Don't forget to send a picture of your time capsule if you decide to do it. It will be interesting to see how much the Scholarship program changes over the years!