## Scholarships February 2024-2025

National Ambassador Dina Hudson



National President Brenda Bryant "From Our Roots To Our Branches" Extending Service To Our Veterans

Department President Marsha LaRosh "Remember, Respect, Honor

Department Chairman Kim Butcher

Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to the following Patriot's Pen winners:

3<sup>rd</sup> place Emerson Biermann, \$75 check, sponsored by VFW and VFW Auxiliary #6752 Leoti, 6<sup>th</sup> District. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Turner Rentshier, \$150 check, VFW and VFW Auxiliary #1141 Smith Center, 4<sup>th</sup> District. 1<sup>st</sup> place Grace Fenwick, \$250 check, VFW and VFW Auxiliary #3115 Wichita, 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Congratulations to the following Voice of Democracy winners: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lily DiNuzzo, \$300 check, VFW #6242 Beloit, 4<sup>th</sup> District. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Brooklyn Countryman, \$500 check, VFW and VFW Auxiliary #3449 WaKeeney, 6<sup>th</sup> District. 1<sup>st</sup> place Connor Commerfield, \$1,000 check, VFW and VFW Auxiliary #1254 Arkansas City, 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

The Afghan and Scentsy Oil Diffuser drawing was held at Mid-Winter. VFW Auxiliary #2715 McPherson, won the Afghan and to Jami King, won the Scentsy Oil Diffuser. Thank you, for purchasing tickets for Janice Criswell's, Patriotic Art memorial. With all of the donations made from many other Departments there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$4,000 scholarship for Young American Creative Patriotic Art.

<u>Continuing Education Scholarship</u> is for VFW Auxiliary members (who have been a member for at least one year) their spouse, son or daughter who have a financial need. Entrant must be 21 years of age. Completed application and essay of no more than 300 words on how this scholarship would help them reach their goals. Application and essay must be received at National Headquarters by February 15,2025. Or it can be emailed to info@vfwauxiliary.org \$1,250 will be awarded to one applicant in each of the four Confrences.

<u>Young American Creative Patriotic Art</u> is for graes 9-12 who have a passion for art. Art is judged on patriotic theme and technique. Art may be on canvas or paper. Canvas entries must be on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Paper entries **must be reinforced with heavy paper**. Mats may be used on paper entries, including mounted or floating mats. Entries may not be smaller than 8"X10" and not larger than 18"X24" including mat. Acrylic, chalk, charcoal, crayon, graphite, ink, marker, oil, pastel, pen, pencil, tempers, watercolor or other media may be used. If using the American Flag, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code. Digital art and photography are not accepted. Completed typed or printed legible entry form including student and parent or gauardian signatures. Typed and printed statement (250 words or less) artist statement. Student must have name on back of art entry. National Prizes range from \$500 - \$15,000. Enrty is due to VFW Auxiliary March 31, 2025. **Please make sure you are using the revised September 2024 application.** 

<u>3-Dimensional Patriotic Art</u> is for grades 9-12. Entry may **not** be larger than 18" in any direction and weigh no more than 5 pounds. Stone, clay, metal, fabric, paper mache, pottery, and other media may be used. Digital art and photography, weapons, art generated by a 3-D printer and jewelry are **not** accepted. Please use the Federal Flag Code if using the American Flag. Completed typed or printed legible entry form including student and parent or gaurdian signatures. Typed explanation of steps taken to create the 3-Dimensional art entry and artist statement (250 words or less). Submit at least two photos of completed art entry. National awards range from \$500-\$2,500. Entries are due March 31, 2025 to VFW Auxiliaries. **Please make sure you are using the revised September 2024 application.** 

Happy Valentine's Day!