

Scholarships March 2024-2025

National Ambassador
Dina Hudson

Department Chairman
Kim Butcher



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"From Our Roots To Our Branches"
Extending Service To Our Veterans

Department President
Marsha LaRosh
"Remember, Respect, Honor"

Brothers and Sisters,

March is here so spring is getting closer! I want to remind you of our Department Awards that will be handed out at our Convention June 5-8 in Manhattan.

1. Best promotion in each membership group of the entire Scholarships program.
2. Donation of at least \$50 to each of the following:
Continuing Education Scholarship
Kansas VFW Endowment
Janice Criswell's Patriotic Art memorial (deadline has passed on this one)

Please have all donations to Department Treasurer, Jeanette Cox by May 15, 2025.

National Award (all forms for National Awards are in this Sunflower Express)

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and /or event educating the community about scholarship opportunities in the VFW and VFW Auxiliary. Completed form and pictures is due March 31, 2025 to me. I will then select the best entry and send on to our National Ambassador Dina Hudson.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art is for grades 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 guardian 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. Entry is due to VFW Auxiliary March 31, 2025. **Please make sure you are using the revised September 2024 application.**

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art 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 guardian 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.**

Please have your 1st place art work to me by April 15, 2025.