

Scholarships
December 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"

Our first two contests **Patriot's Pen** and **Voice of Democracy** are in the process of being judged on the District level. District level make sure your entries are to the **Department VFW Chairman** by **December 10, 2023**.

Kansas VFW Endowment Scholarship

Individuals may apply under a parent or grandparent who are a current member of a Kansas VFW or Auxiliary. High school seniors who graduate in May, a student already attending college or any VFW or Auxiliary member who desires a change in careers later in life. Application must be verified by the VFW or Auxiliary, so please have applications in before deadline to allow time for verification. Applications due to VFW Department Headquarters **February 1, 2024**.

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 to 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.

Thank you, to those that have sent reports, remember only one project for each contest and we don't count miles! Make your reservations now for our Mid-Winter meeting in Junction City January 12-14, 2024. Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas!

