



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## FEBRUARY

Hopefully everyone has been able to distribute the information for the Continuing Education Scholarship, Patriotic Art Scholarship, and the new 3-D Patriotic Art Scholarship. We are rapidly approaching the deadlines for all 3 scholarships.

**Continuing Education:** All applications must be received at National Headquarters by **FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. One (1) scholarship is awarded in each of the 4 Conferences for \$1,000.00 each. The applicant must be 18 years of age, an Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least one year), their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need. They must complete the application and submit an essay of 300 words or less:

- Mail all applications to:  
Program Awards Administrator  
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters  
406 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Email: [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org)
- Applications are available at [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships)

**Young American Patriotic Art & 3-D Patriotic Art Scholarships:** Deadline for submission is **MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. These contests are open to students in grades 9-12 who are currently enrolled in a public, private, parochial, or home school program. Although US citizenship is not required, students must be lawful US permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a US citizen. Students **DO NOT** have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students, or National winners of previous Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests are **NOT** eligible.

PLEASE NOTE: Beaded artwork is allowed to enter the 3-D Patriotic Art Contest. Some examples: beaded American Indian artwork, fractal bead embroidery, and beaded Christmas ornaments. **JEWELRY IS NOT ACCEPTED FOR THIS CONTEST.**

## SOME COMMON MISTAKES AND HELPFUL HINTS:

- Common mistakes when using the US Flag:
  1. Not enough stars or stripes
  2. Stripes are in the wrong order or place
  3. The Flag appearing to have someone standing on it, or something written or lying on it.
- Hint:
  1. It is always best to portray the flag as waving freely.
- Do we mat or not mat?
  1. Applies only to 2 dimensional entries
  2. Entries must be matted in WHITE ONLY. Double matts may be used, however, both must be white. Entries on stretcher frames do not need to be matted.
- Hint:
  1. If a COLORED matt is used, it will result in immediate disqualification.
- Application:
  1. Be sure the writing on the application is legible. If you can't read it chances are Nat'l can either.
  2. Address with City, State, and ZIP NO PO Boxes. Art cannot be shipped back to a PO Box.
  3. Phone number complete with Area Code
  4. Email Address
  5. Name and Signature of Parent or Guardian
  6. Signature of the Student
  7. Source-This MUST be completed even if it says original idea.
  8. Media used in the entry
  9. Signature of the Auxiliary Chairman and Judge (*DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN: DO NOT SEND THE DEPARMENT WINNING ENTRY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT THESE SIGNATURES!!*)
  10. **ARTWORK NOT SPONSORED BY A VFW AUXILIARY WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT BEING JUDGED.**
- Tip:
  1. Students may sign their work, but you may choose to cover when doing your local judging if you are concerned a judge may recognize a student's name.

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