

**Scholarships
September Sunflower Express
National Ambassador Tina Hicks
Department Chairman Kim Butcher**

**National President
Carla Martinez's theme
"Banding Together For Our Veterans"**

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

Here it is already September, now is the time to get these contests in the schools, if you haven't already done so. September is also Endowment month, so plan those fundraisers and make your donation to Department Treasurer, Jeanette Cox and earmark Endowment. Remember checks are not to be made out to Jeanette.

Program Goals

- **Student Participation**
- **Recipient Recognition**
- **Community Awareness**
- **Increasing the Fund**

Kansas VFW Endowment

This is open to any student that has a parent or grandparent who is a VFW or Auxiliary member of Kansas. Applicant must be a graduating senior in May 2024, already enrolled in college or someone who desires a career change later in life. Completed application will need to be turned into the VFW for verification of eligibility of VFW or Auxiliary member. Applications are due to Department of Kansas VFW Headquarters by February 1, 2024. September is Endowment month, so get those thinking caps on and decide on how your Auxiliary can raise funds for our Scholarship!

Patriot's Pen Contest

Theme for 2023-2024 is **"How Are You Inspired By America?"** Patriot's Pen is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grades who are enrolled in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Home schooled students also are eligible. Essay should be typed in English with no color or graphics and be 300-400 words in length. Essay must be original work and in the students own thinking. The theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. The body must not identify you in anyway. Student deadline is Midnight, October 31 to VFW Post.

Voice of Democracy Audio – Essay Contest

Theme for 2023-2024 is **"What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"** Open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Home schooled students are also eligible. Foreign exchange students, students over 20, previous Voice of Democracy first place Department winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible. Students record their own 3-5 min (+ or – 5 seconds max) audio essay on a flash drive, or other electronic device. Recording and typed essay and completed application for judging must be turned in by Midnight, October 31 to VFW Post. Recording must be in the students own voice in English. No music, singing or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way. The recording and typed essay should be labeled to show your name.

I will go over the judging criteria in October's Sunflower Express.

**Loyally,
Kim Butcher
Dept. Ks. Scholarships Chairman
316-284-3822**

ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION

Comrades and Auxiliary members, thank you for your generous donations this past year to the Endowment Association. **YOU ALL ANSWERED THE CALL.** Comrades, we improved on donations this past year. We will continue to improve this year!. Comrades you raised and donated \$38,980.85 to the Endowment. A big thanks goes to you.

Auxiliary, the Endowment Committee deeply appreciates all of your hard work in supporting and earning monies for the Endowment Association. Your participation on the committee is a great value also. The Auxiliary of the State of Kansas VFW raised and donated \$10,000.00 to the Endowment. A big thanks goes to you.

Together, we raised \$48,980.85. **THANK YOU TO ALL** and keep up the good work.

THE HEAT IS ON

We are also challenging each Post of the Department of Kansas to donate \$30.00 this year. Department President Mike McCandless asks that each Auxiliary make a contribution to the VFW Endowment Fund. It is for the kids of Veterans of the State of Kansas. Please send your donations either to me or the Department Headquarters and earmark the check VFW Endowment donations. This last fiscal year, \$26,000.00 in scholarships were awarded.

Thanks again Comrades and Auxiliary members.

Jay Boyle, President
Endowment Association

Department of Kansas Endowment Association Contribution

Dist # _____ Post # _____ Post

Name _____ Location _____

Amount of Donation \$ _____

VFW Department Headquarters
P.O. Box 1008
Topeka, KS 66601-1008

AUXILIARIES: Please send your contribution to:

Jeanette Cox, Dept. Treasurer
PO Box 414
McPherson, KS 67460

Date Received _____ No. _____

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION COVER SHEET

VERY IMPORTANT – READ THIS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION.

*ALL REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED HEREIN MUST BE MET; OTHERWISE, THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

*APPLICANTS SHALL BE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OR HAVE THE EQUIVALENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. APPLICANTS MAY ALREADY BE ENROLLED IN COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

*Kansas VFW Endowment scholarships will be awarded for 1 year at a minimum of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year.
*Previous recipients of a VFW Kansas Endowment Scholarship are eligible to reapply for an additional 1 year scholarship.

*ALL questions must be answered. If any questions are not applicable, indicate that with the notation N/A (Not Applicable). The application form is available online at <http://vfwks.org> and <http://ksauxvfw.com>.

*Applicant must provide the eligible **VFW Post Number**: that is the **VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary** that the applicant's eligibility is actively affiliated with in the **State of Kansas**, or was so at the time of his/her death. Active means either a life member or current dues paid, or were so at the time of death. Applicants are advised that affiliation with the VFW or its VFW Auxiliary is **ONLY** for the purpose of determining eligibility, and otherwise has no bearing on determination of awards.

*Applicant **MUST ATTACH** an official 6, 7, or 8 semester high school transcript **AS WELL AS ACT Test scores**. It is appropriate for college students to attach an official college transcript as well. ACT scores may be waived if applicant is 25 year or older.

*Each student **MUST FURNISH** a statement from his/her school guidance counselor, or principal if he/she has no guidance counselor; or from his/her college advisor; or from an employer if returning to school; relative to the capabilities, attitude and the participation of the student in the regular school curriculum as well as extracurricular activities.

*When applications are being considered by the committee, all extracurricular activities, even those of college-age or older, are considered as school/college activities and other/community activities. Therefore, be sure that everything you want to be included is listed for consideration on either a resume/data sheet or in response to the questions.

*When completed, this application, coversheet and supporting documents **MUST BE RETURNED** to the VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary where the Kansas VFW or VFW Auxiliary member is affiliated. The Commander or Quartermaster (for Post members) or President or Treasurer (for VFW Auxiliary members) shall review and sign to certify eligibility on page 4. It is the Post/VFW Auxiliary person's responsibility to forward this application to VFW Endowment Association, P.O. Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601-1008, 785-272-6463 no later than **FEBRUARY 1**.

RETURN THIS SHEET WITH THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.

KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____ Sponsored by VFW Post/Auxiliary _____ District _____

1. This application form is for one \$1,500-\$2,000-one year scholarship, given from contributions to this fund by VFW Posts and VFW Auxiliaries VFW from the State of Kansas.

2. NOTICE TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS: This complete form along with a student transcript of grades and other requested material should be returned to the sponsoring VFW Post/Auxiliary Officers as noted on the instruction sheet attached hereto, in sufficient time to allow it to be reviewed and forwarded to the Endowment Association Headquarters in Topeka, KS no later than February 1.

3. Student Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone No. _____

E-mail: _____

4. Father or Male Guardian: Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Place of Employment _____

Type of Work _____ Years _____

5. Mother or Female Guardian Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Place of Employment _____

Type of Work _____ Years _____

6. List here the names of all other dependent children in applicant's family:

Full Name	Sex	Age	Grade	Living at Home
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

7. List the property your parents/family own (Home, Farm, other real estate, cars, trucks, etc.) and estimate investment in this property.

8. List your parents/family total gross income for the previous year: \$ _____

9. List student's Property Owned Estimated Value Unpaid Mortgage

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

10. Please explain any special family circumstances that the Endowment Committee should consider. (Divorce, illness, disabilities, etc.)

11. List amount of financial support you expect to receive during your first year of school:

- a. From parents \$ _____
- b. From student's earnings \$ _____
- c. From friends or relatives \$ _____
- d. From other scholarships (Name them) \$ _____
- e. From other sources \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

12. List amount of anticipated expenses during your first year in school:

- a. Tuition fees \$ _____
- b. Books and supplies \$ _____
- c. Room and board \$ _____
- d. Other (explain) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

13. What classes or activities are/were of special interest or importance to you in high school or college?
(List in order of preference.)

14. What are your plans for a career? _____

15. What school do you plan to attend and for how long? (If currently enrolled in college, please indicate how many hours you have already taken and your proposed date of graduation.) If enrolling in a vocational technical school or 2 year training program, please make that clear.

16. Attach a standard, formal resume/personal datasheet that lists your achievements, accomplishments, awards, references, work experience, etc. to this application.

17. Attach an explanation please to indicate why you want to further your education.

18. Attach a statement from your school guidance counselor or principal relative to your capabilities, attitude and participation in the regular school curriculum as well as extracurricular activities. If you have no guidance counselor, then attach a statement from your college advisor or employer.

I hereby certify that all information herein is correct and understand that any false information will disqualify this application or revoke a scholarship should one be awarded.

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Grandparent _____
(Please circle relationship to student.)

Signature of Student _____

A REMINDER: Be certain that all information requested on the application is completed. This includes a grade transcript with ACT scores (ACT may be waived if over 25 years of age); a statement from a school counselor or principal or employer; a personal datasheet. Otherwise the application will not be considered.

NOTE: This application form may be reproduced if additional forms are not readily available. The information in this application will be used only for the purpose of judging scholarships and will remain confidential. It is also available from <http://www.ksvfw.org> under programs.

Checklist for Student

- | Yes | No | |
|-----|-----|---|
| ___ | ___ | Are you a graduating or graduated High School senior? |
| ___ | ___ | Will you be enrolling in college/vocational classes for the fall semester? |
| ___ | ___ | Are all questions completed on form? |
| ___ | ___ | Have you enclosed an official 6, 7, or 8 semester high school transcript or official college transcript if a college student. |
| ___ | ___ | Have you enclosed your ACT scores as requested? |
| ___ | ___ | Is there a statement from High School guidance counselor, principal or employer pertaining to information requested on cover sheet? |
| ___ | ___ | Have you attached a resume/personal data sheet that applies to question 16? |
| ___ | ___ | Did your Parent, Guardian or Grandparent sign the form? |

If all questions above are answered yes, please sign and submit to the sponsoring VFW Post/Auxiliary. If any questions are answered no, then form is not complete and will not be considered. Please complete, sign, then submit.

The only restriction on this scholarship is that the applicant must be the child of, the grandchild of or a member of the **Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars or its VFW Auxiliary. Great Grandchildren** are not eligible.

The Kansas VFW/Auxiliary eligibility for this scholarship is through:

Kansas Member Name: _____ Membership #: _____

Kansas VFW Post/Auxiliary No: _____ **Relationship:** _____

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that this applicant meets eligibility requirements set forth in the above application form.

Signature of VFW Post Commander or Quartermaster (Verifying Post Members Only)

(TITLE) (Post #) (District #)
Address: _____

For questions concerning Post eligibility contact Department of Kansas VFW Headquarters, PO Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601-1008, (785) 272-6463.

Signature of VFW Auxiliary President or Treasurer (Verifying VFW Auxiliary Members Only)

(TITLE) (Auxiliary #) (District #)
Address: _____

For questions concerning VFW Auxiliary eligibility contact Jeanette Cox, Dept. Treasurer, P.O. Box 414, McPherson, KS 67460 (620) 241-7475.

Checklist for VFW Post/Auxiliary Chairmen:

Yes No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the scholarship application complete with all required attachments? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did the Post Commander or Quartermaster sign to verify membership for a Post member? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did the Auxiliary President or Treasurer sign to verify membership for a VFW Auxiliary member? |