

DEPT. OF WA. SCHOLARSHIPS

BULLETIN #4

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to touch base for just a second on the announcement of Department of Washington Essay winners. I have fielded several emails from upset Auxiliary members. The decision was agreed upon by myself and the Dept. President to not announce at our Mid-Winter Zoom meeting, and to let the VFW Post do it at their Mid-Winter meeting. Please do not let this get to you too much - it is what it is at this point. This is just another part of this crazy, crazy year. Please plan to have a super awards ceremony, like you would anyway. I know a lot of us are still under restrictions, but maybe you could call and let them know, and then have an outdoor event in the Spring at a park or somewhere outdoors. Hopefully these can happen before Year-end reports, so I can see what you have done!!

Continuing Education Scholarship:

While the applications for this are already due, you should still promote this program throughout the year. The VFW Auxiliary has nearly 475,000 members. Each year, less than 150 applications are received. Help raise awareness of this Scholarship contest to further an applicant's potential to **train** for a career, **learn** new skills, and **improve** their life. Following is the criteria:

- Must be a minimum of 18 years old.
- Available only to current Auxiliary members, their spouse, son(s), and/or daughter(s).
- Qualifying member must demonstrate one-year of Auxiliary membership.
- Four \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences (e.g., Big Ten, Eastern, Southern, Western).
- Only fully completed applications are accepted.
- A maximum of a 300-word essay explaining how this scholarship will assist in attaining education goals.

Creative Patriotic Art:

At this time, you should have all the information out to schools for Creative Patriot Art. This is the next program that is due to your Auxiliary by March 31. I will have these mailed to me here in Spokane. My address is at the end of this bulletin. I need these by April 15th. If you could shoot me an email or give me a call when you send them, I will know to watch for them. We talked about getting it out to the schools and some of the art/hobby stores. The deadlines for art are:

- March 31: Student Entry Deadline to Local VFW Auxiliary.
- April 10: Local VFW Auxiliary and District Judging Complete.
- April 15: Local VFW Auxiliary and District Winners to Department (state) for Judging.

If you have any questions, please let me know. My Year-end Report is on the Department Website. I hope you all have a super-duper next couple of months and that we get to see each other soon. I think I'm becoming an anti-social butterfly and you know that's not me. Take care all!!!

Loyally,
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