

# DEPT. OF WA. SCHOLARSHIPS

## BULLETIN #3

### Brothers and Sisters,

Happy November to all!! By the time you get this bulletin, you should have all had your Post/Aux. judging on Youth Essay, Patriots Pen, and Voice of Democracy. They should be in the hands of, or in route to, your District Chairman for judging. I was pleasantly surprised with the number of essays that have been received. The teachers, parents, etc., have pulled off nothing short of a miracle if they are only doing online classes! Please make sure to thank them when, and if, you are able to do an awards ceremony.

### Continuing Education Scholarship:

These are due at National Headquarters by February 15, 2021. 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:

Now is the time to get this contest out, if you haven't already done so. We talked about getting it out to the schools and some of the art/hobby stores. Did you know that the first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$31,500? 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.



### Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Students in grades 9-12 by the March 31 deadline 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.
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.
- Student does not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate, but the student must attend school in the same state as the sponsoring VFW Auxiliary.
- Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, GED and adult education students, or national winners of previous Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contests are ineligible.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I have included my year-end report with this bulletin. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas filled with family and friends (masked and socially distanced – of course :D) Hope to see you at Mid-Winter Conference.

Loyally,  
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