

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES & AUXILIARY



MEDIA RELEASE

VFW Post & Auxiliary Announce Kick-Off of Annual Scholarships & Contests for Kindergarten through High School Students

VFW Post & Auxiliary _____ are excited to announce the kick-off of the annual scholarships & contests for kindergarten through high school students who may compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and prize earnings.

High School Students:

VFW - Voice of Democracy®- Scholarship

This audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regard to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 28,000 students in grades 9-12 from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1.6 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to their American university, college or vocational/technical school. The complete list of other national scholarships ranges up to \$21,000, with the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) winning a scholarship of at least \$1,000.

Applications must be turned in to VFW Post No. _____ by midnight, Oct. 31, _____.

Before submitting your essay, read the rules and eligibility requirements on www.vfw.org

VFW Auxiliary National - Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest - Scholarship

Students must submit an original two-dimensional piece of artwork. Entry must have been completed during the current school year. Students begin by competing at the VFW Auxiliary level. The first-place winners from each Auxiliary advances to the Department (state) competition. Department first-place winners advance to the National level to compete for their share of \$44,750 in national scholarships. National winners will be shared on our social media page. An image of National winning entries may be displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Student entries must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary No. _____ by March 31, _____.

To download an application, and the rules and eligibility, visit our website www.vfwauxiliary.org

VFW Auxiliary National - 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest - Scholarship

Students must submit an original 3-dimensional piece of artwork. Entry must have been completed during the current school year. Students begin by competing at the VFW Auxiliary level. The first-place winners from each Auxiliary advances to the Department (state) competition. Department first-place winners advance to the national level to compete for their share of \$6,500 in national scholarships. National winners will be shared on our social media page. An image of national winning entries may be displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Student entries must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary No. _____ by March 31, _____.

To download an entry form and the rules and eligibility, visit our website www.vfwauxiliary.org

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Grade School Students:

VFW - Patriot's Pen®

Each year, more than 800,600 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen® annual youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of more than \$1 million in local and national awards. Each first place VFW Department (state) winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000! The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

Entrants are due to VFW Post No. _____ by midnight, Oct. 31, _____.

Before submitting your essay, read the rules and eligibility requirements on www.vfw.org

VFW Auxiliary National - Illustrating America Art Contest

Students in grades K-8 must submit an original two-dimensional piece of artwork. The entry must have been completed during the current school year, and the application must include a parent or guardian signature. Students begin by competing at the VFW Auxiliary level. The contest consists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 with first, second and third prizes in each division. The first-place winner in each grade division from each Auxiliary advances to the Department (state) competition. Department first-place winners in each grade division advances to the national level for final judging. National winners will be shared on our social media page. An image of national winning entries may be displayed at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Student entries must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary _____ by December 15, _____.

To download an application, and the rules and eligibility, visit our website www.vfwauxiliary.org

For more information, contact:

Contact name: _____

Contact email address: _____

Contact phone number: _____

About the VFW: *The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans' organization. Founded in 1899, the congressionally chartered VFW is comprised entirely of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With more than 1.5 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in nearly 6,000 Posts worldwide, the nonprofit veterans service organization is proud to proclaim "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS" than the VFW, which is dedicated to veterans' service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs. Learn more at www.vfw.org*

About the VFW Auxiliary: *The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations. Our members are relatives of those who served in a location of foreign conflict. We have nearly 480,000 members representing all 50 states, Panama, Guam, Thailand and the Philippines who volunteer millions of hours and give millions of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel, their families and communities. Learn more at www.vfwauxiliary.org*