

I apologize for not getting a report out for December 2024. My personal life has been a bit hectic!

I just want to thank all of the Chairman and Judges that participated in Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. Without all of your hard work and dedication, this program would not be possible! I know the past couple of years have been stressful with the new ScholarsApp program, but we made it through our 2nd year participating! I am so proud to be the Department Chairman and working with all of the VFW Posts, Auxiliaries, and Judges. I can't wait to find out who the winners are at Legislative Session / Mid-Winter Conference January 12-13, 2025 in Pierre, SD!

The updated Department of South Dakota Continuing Education has now been added to our website: vfwauxsd.org under "Programs" and then "Scholarships".

Also, don't forget to start getting your materials together to hand out for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship if you haven't done so already. The talent that these students have has been awe-inspiring to see!

If you need to get ahold of me, please feel free to contact me at any time. During the week, it may be a bit more difficult for a while as I am now the only Administration employee at my office. I now cover 3 different positions, so please bear with me as we go through our transition and get replacement employees hired and trained.

- **Continuing Education Scholarship**

- ♣ **Department Deadline: February 15, 2025**

- ♣ **National Deadline: February 15, 2025**

- **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship**

- o 2-Dimensional

- ♣ **Post/Auxiliary Deadline: March 31, 2025**

- ♣ **District Deadline: Optional**

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