

e-news December 2025
SCHOLARSHIPS 2025-2026
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Hello VFW Auxiliary Members!!

We just finished with our Post/Auxiliary judging for our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. They are now at the district level for judging. Remember the judging needs to be done by December 5th and promoted up to the State level. We got the judging done early and promoted up to District before our due date. Patriots Pen promotions: District 1 - 11, District 4 - 15, District 6 - 6, District 7 - 36, and District 10 - 15. Voice of Democracy promotions: District 1 - 7, District 4 - 10, District 6 - 5, District 7 - 28, and District 10 - 8.

Please reach out to your members to see if the member, their spouse or child could use our National Continuing Scholarship and/or South Dakota Continuing Scholarship. The auxiliary member must be a member of the auxiliary for at least a year and applicant must be at least 21. The forms are available on our website at <https://vfwauxsd.org> under "Programs" and then "Scholarships" If you have any questions on these please feel free to reach out to me. **Deadline is February 15, 2026**

Voice of Democracy Scholarship (essay and oral presentation)

Department Deadline: December 5, 2025

National Deadline: December 15, 2025

Patriot's Pen Essay Scholarship

Department Deadline: December 5, 2025

National Deadline: December 15, 2025

I'd like to wish good luck to all applicants for Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year. You are all doing a great job!

Don't forget to also be reaching out to the schools, homeschools, churches and libraries for our Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarships.

- **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship**

2-Dimensional

Post/Auxiliary Deadline March 31, 2026

District Deadline: April 10, 2026

Department Deadline: April 15, 2026

National Deadline: May 5, 2026

3-Dimensional

Post/Auxiliary Deadline March 31, 2026

District Deadline: April 10, 2026

Department Deadline: April 15, 2026

National Deadline: May 5, 2026