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Scholarships Chairman

Hey Department of Arizona!

National President Lois Callahan's special project **Continuing Education Scholarship** is now closed for applications but still very open for donations. If your Auxiliary has not yet donated, please make sure to get those submitted through MALTA under the Make a Gift tab, and then National Presidents Special Project. Or mail a check to National Headquarters earmarked National Presidents Special Project. Let's see just how close we can get to the \$10,000.00 goal.

**It is time to really push our other contests.**

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest** is open to students in grades 9-12. Submissions must be turned into the sponsoring Post/Auxiliary by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. First place winners are due to Department by no later than April 15, 2026. The winning entry will be sent to National Headquarters by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The winner will be announced at National Convention and on their social media page so keep an eye out for your entry.

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Young-American-Creative-Patriotic-Art-Contest-Scholarship-25-26.pdf>

**3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest** is open to students in grades 9-12. Submissions must be turned into the sponsoring Post/Auxiliary by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. First place winners are due to Department by no later than April 15, 2026. The winning entry will be sent to National Headquarters by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The winner will be announced at National Convention and on their social media page so keep an eye out for your entry.

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Let's see just how many entries we can get for all our contests. I would also love for anyone interested in helping assist me in judging the entries to reach out to me. I am looking for individuals that are not connected to any entries or are fortunate enough to have one from their Post/Auxiliary. Please send me an email if you are interested. My contact information is behind member log in, on the department website. [www.vfwauxaz.org](http://www.vfwauxaz.org)

Good luck to all, and make sure to award your students that do turn in an entry. They are all amazing in my book for taking the time to share their artistic abilities and show just how Patriotic they truly are.

