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Scholarships

What a wonderful year it has been. We had a nice turn out for the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarships both 2-D and 3-D**. I am very excited to be able to announce the winners in these contests. It was not an easy job to judge such amazing art. The entries were all very detailed and moving. Make sure that you are at Department Convention in June to find out who the first-place winners are that will have their piece showcased at National and hopefully bring home the big win!

Please make sure that you take the time to see all the art that has been entered in all the Auxiliary art contests including Illustrating America. These youth are our future. Let's celebrate their accomplishments. They truly are amazing.

I am very proud of the Department of Arizona. You have gone out into your communities and actively promoted the **Continuing Education Scholarship**, **Voice of Democracy** and **Patriot Pen**. We have had the pleasure of hearing the winning entry from the state of Arizona at our Winter Conference while hosting National President Lois Callahan. It was a great evening with the collection of donations for the Continuing Education Scholarship for \$7730.00. I wonder just how much we have raised in total. We are shooting for \$10,000.00. It will be exciting to hear the grand total at National Convention in Reno Nevada this year.

The reporting program year is over for now. However, we are always promoting our programs year-round 24/7/365. Have you thought of any new ideas to promote Scholarships for next year? Have you searched out new avenues to go down to distribute the scholarships and art contest information. Continue to reach out to everyone and anyone. We want the world to know about the good that the VFW Auxiliary does for our communities.

Don't forget to check your local areas for Scholarship opportunities that you can share.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as your Scholarships Chairman for the year. I wish you all the best of luck with awards. Let's go ARIZONA!!!