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## Let's help!

The deadline for Patriot's Pen and the Voice of Democracy is coming up.

October 31st, 2025. How have you helped the VFW to promote these contests?

We may not sponsor these contests, but we surely help to promote them. The more youth we reach that submit to these, the more money we can give away and a great way for us to support them and show off their talents.

## Important information ahead!!

We also have our National Presidents special project the Continuing Education Scholarship. This is near and dear to Lois's heart as she has been a recipient of this scholarship. Her main goal is to raise the escrow fund to be able to give larger amounts of money to the winners. How is your auxiliary helping to raise funds for this? I would love to hear what you have done or are planning to do.

## Scholarships you want to work for!

The Fall season has descended upon us. What better way to get the Scholarships and Art Contests out to the youth in the area than goodie bags with a little candy and these beauties in them.

Most auxiliaries have a Trunk or Treat or other event where they can interact with the youth and inform them of these wonderful activities, they can participate in.

Maybe you come across a child that has a great Halloween makeup job they did themselves. Maybe they are the artistic type that might be interested in the **3-D Patriotic Art contest or Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest**. Or maybe you overhear an older sibling saying that they want to go to college, but it is so expensive. Show them the **Continuing Education Scholarship** application.

There are so many ways to get this information distributed besides just going to the schools. Be creative and be colorful. Use color and expression when promoting these contests. The more effort you put into it, the more you will get out of it in way of excitement from those that enter them.

## Scan, Scan that code!

Don't forget the QR code. Make sure that you have it out and available to be scanned at your functions. This connects them with all of the scholarship and contest information and applications.

