

Fall in Arizona - Scholarships and Cool Weather are On Our Minds!!

For those of us who have lived in areas where four seasons are the norm, the Arizona Fall feels different. Much cooler weather, accompanied by clouds in the air; residuals of monsoon season rains. The Fall in Arizona is a much-welcomed friend.

As we enter this period, we must be vigilant to follow up with contacts we have made to spread the word about our wonderful scholarship opportunities. Whether it be from visiting schools, to emailing family and friends, to speaking before homeschool groups, we must continue to spread the word. As the October 31st deadline for the VFW's Voice of Democracy oral essay and Patriots' Pen written essay approaches, we must work hard to get the applications submitted. As the months progress, we will be involved in celebrating these applicants at ceremonies or dinners in our local posts, auxiliaries and districts across our amazing Copper State.

For the scholarships at the VFW Auxiliary level, we have some time. The National VFW Auxiliary's continuing education scholarship has a deadline of February 15, 2027, along with the Department of Arizona's continuing education scholarship, and the merit scholarship for high school seniors are both due on April 1, 2027. The Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art (both 3D and 2D) are both due on March 31, 2027. Our Scholarship National Ambassador Kim Davis, is encouraging auxiliaries to host "Red Carpet Events" for all of the young students who apply for our patriotic art awards. Participating auxiliaries will be eligible for a $25 award and recognition at the next national convention. Please keep working hard to educate, instruct and promote our scholarships to as many people as possible!

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