

Scholarships Promotion #1 | July 2023
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Hello, my name is Tina Hicks, and it is an absolute honor to be your 2023-2024 National Scholarships Ambassador. I am from the beautiful Mountain State of West Virginia. I joined the Auxiliary in January 2007 under the eligibility of my grandfather, Hokey H. Hammack, who served in the Army during World War II. I am a member of the 5501 Ripley's Believe It or Not Auxiliary in Ripley, West Virginia. I have held many different offices in this GREAT organization, I am currently the Treasurer of my Auxiliary, I was the District 2 President in 2015-2017 and I was the 2020-2021 Department President of WV. I have a son who is 11 years old; Jacob is my world and enjoys going to VFW Auxiliary functions when he can attend. In August 2021, I married my husband, Timothy Hicks, and he has been by my side going to VFW Auxiliary functions as well. He also helps with the hospitality rooms at our State Conventions and Conferences. In our spare time we love to travel. We recently purchased a travel trailer and plan to spend all the time we can in the summer traveling to different places with our two fur babies, Pepe and Milly. Again, I am honored to be in this GREAT organization and to be your 2023-2024 National Scholarship Ambassador. Let's make this year ROCK!!!!



Welcome to the 2023-2024 Scholarships Program!!! This year let's focus on not only going to our schools to get the word out about our Programs but also let's try thinking outside of the box. I know many of us go to fairs and festivals; how about setting up a booth with all our Programs showing everyone what we, as the VFW Auxiliary, do in our GREAT organization.

Continuing Education Scholarship – This scholarship is for our members and their spouse and children. What makes a member qualified for this scholarship? A member must have been a member for one (1) year by the application submission, applicants must be in financial need to continue/return to college or vocational/technical/trade schools and must be 21 years of age by February 15, 2024. Applications can be found in MALTA Member Resources or ask your Department Scholarships Chairman. Deadline to get the application in to National Headquarters by February 15, 2024. There will be one (1) winner from each of our four (4) Conferences. This scholarship is worth \$1,250 for each Conference.

Don't forget about our Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest. The deadline for these two (2) scholarships is due at your VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2024. Details to come later in the next promotion. You can always get information about all Scholarships Program at the www.vfwauxiliary.org website. And behind MALTA Member Resources.

Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay – The 2023-2024 theme for this scholarship is “*WHAT ARE THE GREATEST ATTRIBUTES OF OUR DEMOCRACY?*” This scholarship is open to all students that are in grades 9-12 by October 31, 2023, this includes public, private or parochial high school or home study programs in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of the U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas school. Although being a U.S. citizen is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Entries must be into your VFW Post no later than midnight October 31, 2023.

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest – The 2023-2024 theme for this scholarship is “*HOW ARE YOU INSPIRED BY AMERICA?*” This scholarship is open to all students that are in the grades 6-8 by October 31, 2023, this includes public, private or parochial high school or home study programs in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of the U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas school. Although being a U.S. citizen is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Entries must be into your VFW Post no later than October 31, 2023.