



Scholarships 2022-2023

Great way to get our youth

Voice of Democracy- Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 recorded oral essay, 3 to 5 minutes

Theme- **“Why Is The Veteran Important?”**

Patriot’s Pen- Grades 6, 7, 8 written essay 300-400 words

Theme- **“My Pledge to our Veterans”**

Both are due to the local VFW/Auxiliary by October 31, 2022. More information may be viewed at VFW.org under Scholarships. While there, view the **“Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen Chairman’s Manual”** - a resource for reporting, organizing, promoting, and judging criteria.

Young American Creative Patriotic Arts Contest- open to grades 9, 10, 11, 12- 2-dimensional art on paper or canvas. National first place winner \$15,000. Original art and **completed** application are due to the local VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2023.

New Contest

3-Dimensional Creative Patriotic Art-This is an entry that can be Papier-mâché, pottery, sculpture, fabric, wood, metalwork, etc. open again to 9th – 12th grade students. First place winner receives \$2500.00 from National. Due to the local VFW Auxiliary also by March 31st, 2023.

VFW Auxiliary National Continuing Education Grant- Four \$1000.00 Grants, one per conference. Open to any Auxiliary member of at least one year and 18 years of age. 300 word essay and completed application sent to National Headquarters by February 15th, 2023.

We still have the Young American Patriotic Art Escrow Fund if anyone wants to help increase the number of scholarships and the amounts of the awards.

Dept. of Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant- One \$1000.00 Grant awarded to an Arizona Auxiliary member 18 years of age or older wishing to further their educational goals. Due to Dept. of Arizona Scholarship Chairman by April 1, 2023.

Dept. of Arizona VFW Auxiliary Merit Scholarship- open to high school Seniors graduating in 2023- son, daughter, sister, brother, grandson, granddaughter of an Arizona VFW or VFW Auxiliary member or Auxiliary member themselves. Due to Dept. of Arizona Scholarship Chairman by April 1, 2023.

Visit the VFWAuxAZ.org web site for links to all available Scholarships.

“Scholarships at a Glance” hand-out- visit www.VFWAuxiliary.org or <https://vfwauxaz.org>.

Get the Word Out! contact *Schools and JROTC Units* *Church and/or Youth Groups* *Home-school associations* *Parent-teacher associations* *Youth Sports Teams* *Student Councils* *Past entrants* *Financial Aid Offices* *Back to School events at Office Supply businesses* *Meet the Teacher events*

Your Auxiliary’s **Scholarships Project Report** (or several) is WELCOME at any time your Auxiliary does something worth noting. Promote exceptional activities in Media. This new year of challenges will also offer new opportunity in finding Scholarship candidates.

***Dept. AZ Scholarships Chairman Janice Robertson** bells_whistles@hotmail.com

Department Awards:

*The most Outstanding Scholarship Projects submitted by Auxiliaries will receive a plaque.

*Every Auxiliary that submits a project will receive a citation. **National Awards:**

* Citation to every Auxiliary that promotes the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest-3-Dimensional art contest**. Auxiliaries must send a Project Report Form to the Department Chairman by March 31, 2023. Form is available on the Department webpage – vfwauxaz.org under Resources/Forms. *.