

# BULLETIN – JULY 2023



## SCHOLARSHIPS

LAURIE SPARWASSER, CHAIRMAN

This program has **FOUR** parts: Continuing Education Scholarship, Young American Creative Patriotic Art 2-D Scholarship and 3-D Scholarship, Voice of Democracy, and Patriot's Pen.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This contest is due to National by February 15, 2024. THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS ONLY FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN A CONTINUOUS MEMBER FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR BY THE TIME OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION, THEIR SPOUSE, OR CHILD. Please **DO NOT** give these applications to the schools. A 300-word essay is required with the application. So, please give these out as soon as possible. The Continuing Education Scholarship is based on need and there is one winner chosen in each of the four conferences.

\*\*\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\*\*\*

Applicants must be 21 years of age by February 15, 2024, to apply.

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The new applications are not yet available. I will have it put on the Scholarships webpage on the Department of Illinois VFW Auxiliary website when it becomes available.

### YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART

This contest is due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2024. The winners from your Auxiliaries need to be in my hands by April 15, 2024. THERE IS NOW A 2-D ART SCHOLARSHIP **AND** A 3-D ART SCHOLARSHIP. These scholarships are for students in grades 9-12. Please see my Department Scholarship Program for details. All Auxiliaries may send a 1<sup>st</sup> place 2-D **and** 3-D art entry to Department for judging.

National now has 19 National Scholarships for the 2-D contest and three National Scholarships for the 3-D contest.

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN

These two scholarships are the first ones due during our Auxiliary year. They are VFW Post Scholarships, but Auxiliaries are encouraged to help their Posts with contests. I know a lot of Auxiliaries do all the work, but for those that do not, please help out as much as possible or give as much help as your Post accepts.

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The 2023-2024 Voice of Democracy theme is:  
**“What are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?”**

The 2023-2024 Patriot’s Penn theme is: **“How Are You Inspired by America?”**

The applications for this year are on my webpage for you to print.

Entries are due to your Post by midnight on October 31, 2023.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION AND YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART FUNDS**

There is a National Continuing Education Scholarship Fund, a Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund, and a 3-Dimensional Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Scholarship Fund. Donations to these funds increase the number and amount of awards National can give out. Donations can be made on MALTA.

There is also a Department of Illinois Patriotic Art Escrow Fund. This fund helps our Department’s awards for both the 2-D and 3-D Scholarships. A donation of \$10.00 or more to this fund by December 31, 2023, will get you five points toward your Department of Illinois VFW Auxiliary Circle of Excellence.

