

BULLETIN – JANUARY 2024



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SCHOLARSHIPS

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is **ONLY** for Auxiliary members (who have been a member for at least one year as of the deadline of February 15, 2024) or a spouse, son or daughter of the Auxiliary member who will be or is attending college or other higher education and needs some help with expenses. Please give out the applications now if you have not yet done so. An essay is required with the application and it takes time to get everything completed. The applicant must be at least age 21 by February 15, 2024. The application and essay must be sent to National by February 15, 2024. We really would like someone from Illinois to win this scholarship. A copy of the can be found at vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education or it is also on my program page at vfwauxiliaryil.org.

Please do not send these applications to me – they must go directly to National.

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART - 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional

Applications and all information about this contest should be at the schools. This contest is for students in grades 9-12 enrolled in public, parochial, private, or home-schooled in the U.S., its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. U.S. citizenship is not required, but students must be U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residency with the application not having been denied and the student planning to become a U.S. citizen. It takes a great deal of time for the students to complete the artwork, so they need the information as soon as possible. The 3-D entries can be papier-mache, pottery, clay, metal work, etc. The piece cannot be smaller than 8" in any direction or larger than 24" in any direction. It cannot weigh more than 5 pounds. Digital art, photography and jewelry will not be accepted. Copies of the application and scoring sheet are on the Scholarship program on the website at vfwauxiliaryil.org. Entries are due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2024. Your first-place winner must be sent to me by April 15, 2024. There is no District judging for this scholarship. All Auxiliaries can send me a winner. A student can enter the 2-D AND 3-D if they wish. Applications can be found on my program page at vfwauxiliaryil.org.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN

These scholarships are completed, and the Department has completed its judging. I cannot wait to meet all the District Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners at the Department winners' weekend in February. I will be spending Friday night and all-day Saturday with these winners and I am very excited. I know it will be a great bunch of young people and we will have a great time.