

**SCHOLARSHIP**  
**VFW DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AUXILIARY**  
**BULLETIN #1- JULY 2023**

Whewww....it seems like we just finished up last year and its already time to get rockin' on this one. Are you working together with your comrades to get this information out? I hope so. This should be combined to make the work smaller and fun grander!! You should be getting the "3" essay scholarships ready to deliver to the schools. Don't forget to get the Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Art info also. These can be delivered with the essays. These kids work for weeks on their projects and need all the time they can get. The art at convention was absolutely beautiful. Below are some of the basic criteria, you can find more on the entry or instruction paperwork. These are accessible on both the VFW Dept of WA. website and on the National website. Youth Essay is accessible ONLY on Dept of WA. Website.



## **ESSAYS**

**Voice of Democracy** Theme: "What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?"  
This audio and typed essay are due to Post by Oct 31, 2023. 9-12 graders can apply. National first prize is \$35,000.

**Patriot's Pen** Theme: "How are you inspired by America?"  
This typed or written essay is due to Post by Oct 31, 2023. 6-8 graders can apply. National first prize is \$5000.

**Washington State Youth Essay** Theme: "What does the word "Veteran" mean to you?"  
This typed or written essay is due to Post by Oct 31, 2023. 3-5 graders can apply.



## **ARTS**



**Young American Creative Patriotic Art**  
This is open to students in grades 9-12. National first place is \$15,000.  
Art is due to Posts/Auxiliaries by March 31, 2024.

**3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest**  
This is open to students in grade 9-12. National first place is \$2,500.  
Art is due to Posts/Auxiliaries by March 31, 2024.

## **EDUCATION**



**Continuing Education Scholarship**  
This is open to VFW Auxiliary members and their immediate family. Do you know someone who would like to continue their education? Give them this brochure. It can be a college degree or a career within a certain vocational/technical school. It's a \$1250 scholarship to be used in the year after the contest.

Please be sure to tell anyone entering any of the contests to read the directions very very carefully. I am hoping to be at West side SOI and talking with you then. Until then, if you have any questions, give me a call, text, email.

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