

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Voice of Democracy Theme this year is: *Why My Vote Matters*. with the following Deadlines:

Entries to VFW Post – Midnight October 31

Completion of Post Judging- November 15

Completion of District Judging- December 15

Completion of Department Judging- January 10

Department Winner o VFW National Headquarters- January 15

The Patriot's Pen Essay Theme this year is: *Why I Honor the American Flag*. This contest is open to grades 6-8 and they must be a resident of the state in which they entered. One winner will be forwarded from each Department to the National Headquarters. They too have the same deadlines as the **Voice of Democracy** entries.

The Auxiliary also has a scholarship to offer our youth it is through the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**. This allows the student to express their patriotism through art. While also earning scholarships to help their college experience. Students in grades 9-12, but no older than 18 years of age are allowed to participate. The deadlines are as follow:

Entries received by local Auxiliary-March 31

Entries received by Department-April 15

Entries received by National Headquarters- May 5

There has been a change in the scholarships awarded by the National Headquarters they are as follows:

First Place –\$ 15,000

Second Place - \$ 7,500

Third Place - \$ 3,500

Fourth Place - \$ 1,500

Fifth through Eighth Place - \$ 500