

VFWA STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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To my sisters and brothers --Well it is August and school has started throughout the state. I hope that we are HELPING our comrades spread the word for Voice of Democracy (VOD) at the high school and Patriot's Pen (P-Pen) at the junior high / middle schools. Remember both have the same Theme this year: **"How Are You Showing Patriotism And Support For Our Country?"** Remember rules and entry forms are on the VFW.org website under youth scholarships. Remember to take the information to the smaller school districts around you and home school programs. Make some flyers for distribution at the school sports games especially football. Under the VOD top state prize is \$1,000 and for P-Pen it's \$500. Let's also assist our comrades with School Teacher of the year. They only have until October 31st to get their entries in.

For those that don't know by now, NM Art contest winner Ms. Lopez from Gadsden High School 12th grader got 10th place Nationally. I will try to get Ms. Betty to put the picture on the NM website. Her inspiration was the movie Hacksaw Ridge based on a true story of Pfc Desmond T. Doss which she accidentally turn on the TV to. She had been looking for inspiration for months when she found out about the contest last year. So we need to get this information out to the high school now. This year National has QR codes for all program on the website under www.vfwauxiliary.org scroll down to scholarship

I would also request all auxiliaries and districts to send \$25, \$50, or \$100 dollars to the State and earmark it for Young American Creative Patriotic Arts Contest (YACPAC). Did you know, that as the State Auxiliary, we only give our State 1st place Winner \$150 for their effort while the VOD and P-Pen get \$1000 and \$500 respectively! Let's at least equal the P-Pen scholarship money. I challenge every auxiliary to send what you can. Let's build up our programs. Please watch our Facebook page for flyers on Art contest. Let's get the information out to our bachelor post too.

For more information go to the NM Auxiliary website (vfwauxnm.org) and stay tune! To send me a request to contact a person at (915) 526-1645 or PO Box 545, Anthony, NM 88021

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