

VFWA STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2025 2026

Promotional # 1

VFW Auxiliary National Ambassador - Philip Reinpold

VFW State Auxiliary President - Jeanette Garcia

VFW State Auxiliary Secretary - Louise Salas

To all my Auxiliary peeps --- I want to welcome you to President Jeanette Garcia's new program year 2025-26. I am Mary (Girl) Sanchez your new Scholarship program chair. Philip Reinpold is the new national ambassador from our neighboring state to the north Colorado.

This year, I would really like our members to concentrate on OUR Scholarship program.

1) Continuing Education Scholarship - provides a way to ease the financial burden for higher education. This is an opportunity offered to any Auxiliary member or their family to apply by February 15, 2026. Less than .01% of all auxiliary member apply for this scholarship. And 2) Young American Creative Patriotic Arts Contest (YACPAC). I'm just going to call it the Art contest. We need more student participation, more recipient recognition, more community awareness and increase in fund for this programs. Which I will have in the upcoming promotional.

Under the Art contest we have 2 dimensional (illustrated art or picture art) the other is the 3 dimensional art (statue / carving art). Even thou the deadline for the Art contest is not until March 31st of 2026, student need the time, rules and information. Art contest is for 9th grade – 12th grade students or equivalent. These students are going to need time to do a 3 dimensional art piece.

Let us continue to ASSIST the comrades with their scholarship program, but encourage you "The Auxiliary" not to take the lead on these programs. This year's THEME for both the Voice of Democracy (VOD) and the Patriot's Pen (P-Pen) is the same:

"How Are You Showing Patriotism And Support For Our Country".

VOD is open to all students, including home-schooled, in grades 9 to 12. Deadline must be into the local Post by October 31, 2025. PATRIOT'S PEN (P-PEN) is open to all students, including home-schooled, in grades 6 to 8. Must be into the local Post by October 31, 2025.

For more information go to the NM Auxiliary website (vfwauxnm.org) and stay tune!

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