



VFWA NEW MEXICO  
SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM  
Mary "Girl" Sanchez Program Chair 2026-2027



Promotional July 2026

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Welcome Auxiliary members to a New Year of Scholarship program. I am back again and excited to start this year with a Thank You to the student from last year who agreed to get their artwork back late because of the display at our State conference. If anybody knows how we did nationally please let me know. This is valuable information when talking to schools.

This is the perfect time to get into the school administration to talk about scholarship programs. Let us continue to assist the comrades in promoting the Voice of Democracy (VOD) and the Patriot's Pen (P-Pen) but encourage "The Auxiliary" not to take the lead on these programs. This year's THEME for VOD and P-Pen is the same for both:

**"What a Veteran Taught Me About America."**

VOD is open to all students, including home-schooled, in grades 9 to 12. Deadline must be in the local Post by October 31, 2026. PATRIOT'S PEN (P-PEN) is open to all students, including home-schooled, in grades 6 to 8. Must be in the local Post by October 31, 2026. For more information go to the VFW website. It will have more information than the VFW Auxiliary website and the entry forms.

Have a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!

In Service,

Mary Sanchez  
NM Scholarship Program Chair  
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