

Scholarship Guide Sheet No. 6

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

January 2021

Welcome to the New Year. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. As I am writing this I have received reports from less than half of our Auxiliaries. I know it has been a very tough year with COVID but we must report on what we have done for our programs in order to keep our non-profit status. On a positive note, the reports that I have received have been very good for the most part. By the time you read this I will have sent a follow up email to your District Presidents on the Auxiliaries that have not sent in a report yet. I will once again stress using the revised report form that can be found in the November General Orders. I inadvertently left off the number of entries for VOD and Patriot's Pen. Please get with your counterparts on the Post side of the aisle to see if they had any entries. Judging for District was to be completed on the 15th of November and judging for Department was to be completed on the 15th of December. So please follow up if you are the chairman for this program in your Auxiliary.

I have not received any feedback on the contests that I was hoping the Auxiliaries would participate in, so I have decided to give out awards based on how well you reported. Many have gone the extra mile to let me know what they have done for the Scholarship program and I have enjoyed reading their reports. Some of you have truly worked outside of the box. Remember that we have the Continuing Education Scholarship due date for applications coming up on February 15th. This is the date applications must be received at National Headquarters. Please remind your Auxiliary members of this opportunity. Don't forget the Young Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Deadline for these submissions to your Auxiliary is March 31st and the deadline for submission of these entries to me is April 15th. Please check with your District chairman on any entries you receive before sending the entries to me. While District judging is not a requirement, many of the Districts receive multiple entries and will judge which entry to send to Department. To the best of my knowledge, there has not been an extension of the deadline for the Patriotic Art contest.

Please keep those reports coming in. I hope that this New Year will bring an end to this pandemic and allow our great organization to get back to a more normal year of working with our veterans, our youth and our communities; I hope to see many of you at Spring Conference. I will be asking for donations to my raffle table from Odd numbered Auxiliaries in Districts 1-5. Thank You to all of those Auxiliaries that donated to my Fall Conference raffle table. Your donations helped me raise another \$261.00 for the Young Creative Patriotic Art Escrow Fund. Again, I want to thank all of you that have worked so hard to keep our programs going during this very difficult time. Please keep those reports coming and I hope to see many of you soon.

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