

National Scholarships – March 2025
Dept. of Wisconsin

Hello! By now you all should be getting the word out about our two (2D and 3D) Patriotic Art scholarship programs. Hopefully you've been spreading the word on your Facebook pages, handing information out to your local art teachers and reading these reports at your meetings. And, the deadline for the students to HAND IN their art pieces is March 31st – coming up soon! So, what happens then?

After your local Auxiliary has received all the entries, it's time for judging. Time to ask a few people to be your judges. Who do you ask? It's best to have people who aren't related to any of the entrants so you can have non-biased judging. You could ask an art teacher, a veteran at your Post, Auxiliary members or maybe a local business person. National has provided score sheets that you can use to make things easier. They are in MALTA, under "Member Resources" and then "Scholarships" and scroll down to "Judges Score Sheets." These are the same score sheets that we will use for state level judging.

After your Auxiliary has determined which art pieces came in first place, check with your District President to see if there will be District level judging. District judging is Optional. If your District gets A LOT of entries, it might be a good idea to have District Judging and only forward your top 3 to the state level. That is up to each District. There's a small window of time between the entry deadline and the deadline to have them to me, so you would have to coordinate it carefully. If your District is NOT having their own judging, then just mail your first place art piece in both 2D and 3D to me. Remember the deadline to have them to me is April 15th.

Some helpful hints to remember: Please be sure the Application is filled out legibly so we can decipher the name and what Auxiliary it's coming from. Please be sure it has a complete address, a phone number with area code AND an e-mail address. It also needs to have a signature of both the student and their parent or guardian. Each art entry needs to have an artist statement, essay or detailed description of the art and how it was made. Your Auxiliary Scholarships chairperson should sign the application before sending it to me.

Please be sure to use paper, bubble wrap, air pillows and/or foam to help protect the art while shipping. Label the package clearly. IF you happen to live close to Fort Atkinson or plan to be driving through, feel free to personally drop the art off at my house. If you contact me, I can arrange to be there to take it, or it can be left on my enclosed front porch where it will be safe and out of the weather.

I am so looking forward to seeing all the art again this year and displaying it at our Convention in June. We should be very proud of our artistic students here in Wisconsin!! 😊

Honoring Veterans Together,

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