

2019-2020

Scholarship Program Report

Chairman Brenda Kinghorn

Sending out a big thank you to President Sheila for asking me to be the Scholarships Chairman. I did not have knowledge of the Scholarships Program, so in order to help the Auxiliaries and to write the articles for the monthly Pin Points, I printed out the National Scholarship Chairman's blog, used the National resources and Department of Arizona program book.

Auxiliaries did a great job working together with their VFW posts comrades, sending out the applications to all the schools, using social media to get information out into their communities.

Attending the Winter Conference / Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen Banquet was a great weekend. While waiting with the students to tour of the State Capitol, I was able to introduce myself to each one and their companion. It seemed that all the attendees had a great time. A shout out to Paula Wood for graciously providing lunches that she gave out after the tour.

Congratulations to our Department of Arizona Voice of Democracy Winner, Genevieve Hayes from Casa Grande Post and Auxiliary 1677. At the National Awards ceremony, Genevieve was awarded the \$2,000 Fridley VFW Post and Auxiliary Scholarship (MN) & Department of Michigan and Auxiliary Scholarship (combined).

Department of Arizona Patriot's Pen winner, Casseus Rhodes from Apache Junction Post and Auxiliary 7968 came in 2nd in National awards. He received a \$4,000 in VFW Award Scholarship. Congratulations to both and special thanks to them for representing Arizona.

Due to time constraints at the upcoming 2020 Department Convention, we will not be showcasing entries in the Patriotic Art Scholarship, but the winner will be notified by letter and the other entries will be sent a thank you letter for participating. I know that you all enjoy seeing the artwork so it will all be posted to the website once the judging has been done.

The same time constraints mean that the winners of the Arizona Merit Scholarship for high school seniors and the Arizona VFW Auxiliary Educational Grant will be notified by mail and will not be able to come to convention. Both winners will be posted to the website after the winners are notified.