

*Share the Joy...*



of  
being an Auxiliary  
Member!

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## Eligibility for Membership

Those eligible for membership are wives, widows, mothers, foster and stepmothers (who have performed the duties of parent), grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, foster and stepdaughters (who attained that status prior to age sixteen and for whom the duties of parent were performed), sisters, half sisters, foster and stepsisters (who attained that status prior to age sixteen) of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Authorization is shown on the veteran's separation document.

Women eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be eligible for dual membership in the Ladies Auxiliary.

Members must be citizens of the United States and at least 16 years of age.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.**

**TYPE OR PRINT IN INK.**

If you do not know a member of a Ladies Auxiliary VFW to whom you can give this application for membership, mail the form to National Headquarters and you will be contacted by a local Auxiliary.

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Name and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Post (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ (Eligible Veteran) \_\_\_\_\_ Member of VFW Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Campaign Ribbons or Medals \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Foreign Service: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

I am a current/former member of Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_



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## Celebrate the Freedoms We Enjoy in America by Volunteering

From patriotic events such as the Statue of Liberty's Birthday Party to fund-raisers to fight cancer, the nearly 600,000 members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW volunteer their time to make this world a better place. Since 1936 the Auxiliary has conducted a ceremony on October 28 to commemorate the original dedication of the Statue of Liberty, presenting gifts ranging from \$3,500 for a grove of trees to honor those who died 9-11-01 to \$20,000 for a virtual reality climb to the top.

### As a member, you can:

- Support our troops by sending letters, donating to care packages, assisting families left behind or by providing long-distance telephone cards, which gives those who have kept America free what they want the most... a chance to hear a loved one's voice.
- Sponsor promising cancer research and rejoice with us as scientists develop new treatments and cures for this dreaded disease.
- Delight in the creative patriotism expressed by students in grades 9-12. The Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest offers opportunities to more than 5,000 students each year.
- Contact your government officials about legislation affecting veterans and their families, ensuring that their rights and entitlements are secure.

You can help with any of these programs by becoming a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States! Our exciting programs involve local, district, state and national levels of our organization. Join us now. Be a Volunteer. Learn to become a leader, and...best of all – Become part of the Family that is the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

## Ladies Auxiliary Programs Across the U.S.A.



THERE ARE 5,000 AUXILIARIES LOCATED IN EVERY STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, PANAMA AND GERMANY.

### AMERICANISM

Promotes patriotism! Fosters love for America by teaching young people and new citizens about our heritage. Each year members present 600,000 American Flags to schools and other community groups. Other activities include POW/MIA programs, "Get-Out-the-Vote" activities, and citizenship classes.

### BUDDY POPPY

"Honor the Dead by Helping the Living." Funds help needy veterans and their families and help provide care for the children at the VFW National Home for Children. Hospitalized veterans receive minimal compensation for assembling the poppies.

### CANCER AID & RESEARCH

Nearly \$3,000,000 is raised each year to help cancer-stricken members and invest in research throughout the country. The Ladies Auxiliary also offers a \$100,000 Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship to help find a cure and better treatments for this disease.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Helping others by conducting fund-raising activities for a person in need of a transplant or for the Center Against Spouse Abuse; volunteering for the Special Olympics, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, or the March of Dimes; helping fire and flood victims; participating in Make a Difference Day; and serving dinners to needy individuals on holidays.

### HOSPITAL & VAVS

Adult and student volunteers cheer patients in VA Medical Centers as well as other hospitals and nursing homes. Members conduct holiday and birthday parties, serve treats, read to the patients, write letters, and make lap robes, tray favors and other items.

### JUNIOR GIRLS UNITS

Junior Girls, ages 5 through 16, prepare to become America's leaders by helping hospitalized veterans, assisting with Buddy Poppy Drives, participating in patriotic programs, and assisting with other Auxiliary programs.

### LEGISLATIVE

On request, members send letters and e-mails to members of Congress outlining the VFW and Auxiliary's views on bills dealing with veterans and national security. The organization speaks out on legislation that affects the VA budget and future health care for veterans, veterans' entitlements, resolution of the POW/MIA questions, investigation into the Persian Gulf illnesses, and enhancing the Active Duty GI Bill.

### VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

Homeless veterans and other non-hospitalized veterans and their families who are in need of special assistance receive numerous services from Auxiliary members. Providing food, childcare, transportation, clothing, utility payments, and information on veterans' entitlements are ways that the organization helps. *Operation Uplink™*, connecting active duty military with families, is another important service.

### VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, the Home was founded in 1925 and is a living memorial to all veterans. Children and families of VFW and Auxiliary members are given opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sponsorship of Junior ROTC, 4-H, soccer or softball teams, and other youth groups are a few of the ways the organization provides opportunities for students, in addition to the scholarships listed at right.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

### YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW honors students in grades 9-12 who express their patriotism through art. Eight National scholarships range from \$500 to \$10,000. First-place winning student receives an all expenses-paid trip to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Convention. Top eight winning entries are published in the *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine* and on the Ladies Auxiliary Web site.

### JUNIOR GIRLS SCHOLARSHIPS

One girl aged 13-16 is selected to receive a college scholarship as recognition of her Junior Girls Unit participation and scholastic achievement. First-place is a \$7,500 scholarship.

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

This Audio/Essay Contest offers National scholarships that total \$175,500. The top National Scholarship is \$30,000 and each Department winner receives a minimum of \$1,000 plus an all expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. and the Freedom's Foundation in Valley Forge, PA.

### PATRIOT'S PEN

This contest is for students in grades 6-8 who write their opinions on a patriotic theme. State winners compete for \$91,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds in the National Contest. Top prize is a \$10,000 Savings Bond and a trip to Washington, D.C. Both the Patriot's Pen and the Voice of Democracy contests are sponsored jointly with the VFW.