

## **Annual VFW Youth Scholarship Competition**

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a \$30,000 college scholarship or a patriotic middle school student interested in winning \$5,000, these scholarships may be for you.

### **Voice of Democracy:**

Established in 1947, our **Voice of Democracy** audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 25,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

The national first place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins at least a scholarship of \$1,000. Before submitting your essay, read the rules and eligibility requirements. Applications must be turned in by **midnight, Oct. 31**.

### **Patriot's Pen:**

Each year, nearly 68,800 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's **Patriot's Pen** youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards. Each first place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000!

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. Before submitting your essay, read the rules and eligibility requirements. Applications must be turned in by **midnight, Oct. 31**.

***Rules, Eligibility, and Applications are on the Post website:***

***[www.vfw5076.org](http://www.vfw5076.org) under "Programs"***

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