



National Scholarships

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Hello! Schools are back in session... some in-person, some via remote learning, and some a combination of both. Regardless of the way your local schools are handling it, students and teachers have an opportunity to participate in 2 contests offered by the VFW and VFW Auxiliary! I've talked about these already, but we're really getting close to the deadline... so time to focus in on this.

- * Deadline for students to have essays and entry forms turned in to your local Post is Oct. 31st!
- * Deadline for Posts to have judging completed is November 15th
- * And District judging must be completed by December 15th

Patriot's Pen

This year's theme for the Patriot's Pen Essay contest is **"What is Patriotism to Me?"** This contest is open to all students in 6th, 7th or 8th grade. This contest encourages young minds to express their views. You can download the entry form at: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

Voice of Democracy

The Voice of Democracy contest is an Audio-Essay contest for High School students. (grades 9-12) This year's theme is... **"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"** You can download a copy of the 2020-21 entry form at: www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen (links to the applications are highlighted in blue text)

IDEAS:

- * Provide contact info on websites and share contest details on your social media pages
- * Visit schools, homeschool groups and youth groups, if acceptable. Remember to follow & respect face covering & social distancing requirements.
- * Request potential judges in early October for your Post judging. Identify an odd number to break the potential for a tie. Consider having community members so that judging is more impartial (rather than having all Post or Auxiliary members as judges.) Schedule a date and location for judging.
- * Celebrate student participation and acknowledge the winners at a special ceremony, or small event.
- * Take photos of your winners and announce to your membership and consider submitting to local papers



Remember your encouragement and excitement about these scholarships inspires patriotism in our youth 😊 Thank you!!

"HONORING OUR MISSION TO SERVE VETERANS" and let's "SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE FOR VETERANS"

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