

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
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NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Even though the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarships are sponsored by the VFW, the Auxiliary has been a very important part of the promotion of these contests for many years. We work together with the Post members to promote these contests. This can be accomplished by attending a local school board meeting. Another way of generating interest is to present packets with information to schools and also by reaching out to home-schooled students, youth groups, and churches.

Did you know that some junior high/middle schools still include 9th grade yet the 9th graders are eligible to participate in the Voice of Democracy contest and some school districts include 6th grade in their elementary school program?

Please keep this in mind when contacting schools regarding our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests. Patriot's Pen is available for grades 6-8 and Voice of Democracy is available for grades 9-12.

Make sure that you understand the rules and eligibility of each contest before you speak with teachers, parents, and students about the contest.

Please see the student brochure at www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships for more details on requirements.

Deadlines:

- Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31
- Post Judging Complete – November 15
- District Judging Complete – December 15
- Department Judging Complete – January 10
- Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15

Celebrate student entries with your Post and community at the conclusion of the contests. It is so rewarding to see students succeed!

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