

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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When we “**Believe...We Can Do It,**” we can! But it takes every member of our team, working hand in hand for the greater good to be sure we are “**Getting Justice for our Veterans.**” We need to continue to spread the word to change those old perceptions of what VFW Post are all about. We are not a bar on the corner anymore. We are productive, caring, helpful members of our communities. Besides advocating for Veterans rights, we encourage local students and provide opportunities to express their patriotism through multiple mediums while rewarding them with valuable scholarships throughout the year.

It is important to establish strong relationships with local school administrators and teachers to promote the VFW and recognize our goals. We owe every Veteran a continuous debt of gratitude and must honor their sacrifices. By educating ourselves and our youth, the future that Veterans have provided for us will be a bright one by ensuring our youth have the means to fulfill their potential.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is meant to assist our members or their family by lightening the economic burden of secondary education. It is awarded to a current Auxiliary member (who must be a member for at least one year) or to their spouse, son or daughter with financial needs.

Entrants must be at least 18 years old, complete the application, and write an essay describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship would help them, in 300 words or less. Application and essay must be received at **National Headquarters** by **February 15, 2019**.

Mail completed application to:

Administrator of Programs  
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters  
406 w. 34<sup>th</sup> St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Or email to [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org)

One \$1,000 will be awarded to an applicant from each of the four Conferences. Applications are available at [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education/](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education/). Winners will be notified by May 1, 2019.

## **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AUDIO/ESSAY COMPETITION 2018 – 2019 Theme: “Why My Vote Matters”**

Established in 1947 by the VFW and co-sponsored by the Auxiliary since 1965, this contest was created to give high school students a forum to express their opinions on a specific theme by writing, then recording their speech.

The Voice of Democracy Competition is open to students in grades 9 – 12 by the October 31, 2018 deadline, who are enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or an approved home study program. Students must be lawful U.S. permanent resident or applied for permanent (and not have been denied) and plans to become a citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. See the official entry form for complete rules at:

<https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/community/youth-and-education/voice-of-democracy-student-entry-form-and-brochure.pdf?la=en>

Students are required to write an essay on the topic, then record the essay on either a CD or flash drive. The speech should be between 3 – 5 minutes in length and in English. The entry application, CD or flash drive, and a written copy of the essay are then submitted to the local VFW for judging. District level winners will be required to submit a head and shoulders photo with their entries.

Each VFW Post may sponsor 1 entry for each 15 entries or a part thereof. For example, if 53 essays are received by the post, 4 entries may advance to the District level of judging. One winner from each district advances to the Department. **DO NOT MAIL WINNERS TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS!**

**MAIL TO:** Mr. Glenn Owen  
8563 RT 467  
LeRaysville, PA 18829.

Department winners will win an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., where their essays will be judged in the finals.

### **DEADLINES:**

Entries to VFW Post: Midnight, October 31, 2017  
Completion of Post Judging: November 17, 2017  
Completion of District Judging: December 6, 2017  
Completion of Department Judging: January 10, 2018  
Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters: January 15, 2018

### **DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

First Place - \$150.00

Second Place - \$100.00

Third Place \$75.00

### **NATIONAL AWARDS**

First Place: \$30,000 Scholarship  
Second Place: \$16,000 Scholarship  
Third Place: \$10,000 Scholarship  
Fourth through 36<sup>th</sup> Place: \$7,000 to \$1,500 Scholarships  
37<sup>th</sup> – 54<sup>th</sup> Place: \$1,000 Scholarships

## **PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY COMPETITION**

### **2018 – 2019 Theme: "WHY I HONOR THE AMERICAN FLAG"**

This competition is provided for all students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> by October 31, 2018, enrolled in a public, private, parochial school or an approved home study program in the US, its territories or its possessions. Students must be lawful US permanent residents or have applied for permanent residency and intend to become a US citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Please see the official entry form for further rules:

<https://www.vfw.org/-/media/vfwsite/files/community/youth-and-education/patriots-pen-student-entry-form-and-brochure.pdf?la=en>

Essays should be 300 – 400 of the student's own words, typewritten in English. (Every word counts regardless of length, excluding the title and footnotes.) The student may not identify themselves by name, grade, race or nationality. Graphics and color are not permitted on the essays. District level winners will be required to submit a head and shoulders photo with their entries.

The essays and application forms are submitted by the schools to the VFW Post for judging. Each VFW Post may sponsor 1 entry for each 15 entries or a part thereof. (For example, if 53 essays are received by the post, 4 entries advance to the District level of judging.) One winner from each district advances to the Department judging, and one Department winner advances to the National finals. **DO NOT MAIL WINNERS TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS!**

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402 Center Street  
Enola, PA 17025

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Completion of Post Judging: November 15, 2018  
Completion of District Judging: December 15, 2018  
Completion of Department Judging: January 10, 2019  
Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters: January 15, 2019

#### **DEPARTMENT AWARD**

First Place - \$50.00 and a Citation

#### **NATIONAL AWARDS**

First Place: \$5,000  
Second Place: \$4,000  
Third Place: \$3,500  
Fourth through 54<sup>th</sup> Place: \$2,750 - \$500

## YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART

Begun in 1979 by the VFW Auxiliary, this scholarship presents our youth with the opportunity to express their idea of patriotism with their artistic talents. This competition is available to all students in grades 9 – 12 enrolled in a public, private, parochial school or home study program in the United States. The maximum age of the student at time of entry is 18, and they must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National. Students must attend a school in the same state as the sponsoring Auxiliary.

Water colors, pencil, pastels, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink, or oil may be used. Art-work must be on canvas or paper; digital art and photography are not accepted. Art should not be smaller than 8 X 10, nor larger than 18 X 24, exclusive of mat. Canvas entries must be on stretcher frames or canvas board. All entries not on stretcher frames must be matted with only white matboard. Do not frame entries. If the American flag is shown in the art, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code.

Students shall submit their work with an entry form attached to the back, and a brief description of the patriotism being express in the artwork. (150 words or less, typed and in English.) Fillable entry form and complete rules are available at: [vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Creative-Patriotic-Art-Form-Fillable-For-Website.pdf](http://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Creative-Patriotic-Art-Form-Fillable-For-Website.pdf)

Auxiliaries may sponsor one winner whose artwork should be sent to the **Department Chairman** by **April 15, 2019**. There is no District Level of judging required in this contest.

### DEADLINES

Entries received by the local Auxiliary: March 31, 2019  
Entries received by the Department Chairman: April 15, 2019  
Entries received by National Headquarters: May 5, 2019

### DEPARTMENT AWARDS

First Place - \$150.00      Second Place - \$100.00      Third Place - \$75.00

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

First Place: \$15,000  
Second Place: \$7,500  
Third Place: \$3,500  
Fourth Place: \$1,500  
Fifth through Eighth Place: \$500

# **PENNSYLVANIA VOICE OF DEMOCRACY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

The Teacher of the Year award recognizes the contributions and dedication made by teachers who support and promote the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition in their classrooms. The Department of Pennsylvania will recognize one educator who has made an outstanding effort to promote this program in their school during this school year. Posts and Auxiliaries are encouraged to nominate and submit one teacher to their district for judging. Each District will submit one nominee to be sent to VOD Chairman Glenn Owen for final selection for the award.

## **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS**

Nomination deadlines will be the same as the dates for the Voice of Democracy Contest.

## **AWARD**

\$50.00 and a Citation

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS AWARD IS DIFFERENT FROM THE VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD.**

Questions, comments or concerns may be directed to me or the Area Chairmen listed below. Please remember we are here to help you make these scholarships and the program successful.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AREA CHAIRMEN**

### **WESTERN AREA**

Elizabeth Bauer  
P.O. Box 427  
Marienville, PA 16239  
814.927.1438

**NO EMAIL**

### **CENTRAL AREA**

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### **EASTERN AREA**

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS AND CITATIONS

1. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the first, second and third place winners of the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**.
2. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the first, second and third place winners of the **Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition**.
3. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the first, second and third place winners of the **Patriot's Pen Essay Competition**.
4. Citation to the District Chairman with the most outstanding promotion of the Scholarships Program. (Based on **Monthly** reporting to the Department Scholarships Chairman.)
5. Citation to the Auxiliary Chairman with the most outstanding promotion of the Scholarships Program. (Based on **Monthly** reporting to the Department Scholarships Chairman.)
6. A Pin and Citation to the **Outstanding Area Chairman**.

**ALL 2018-2019 YEAR-END PROGRAM REPORTS MUST HAVE USABLE DATA OR INFORMATION ON THEM (The Following answers will disqualify an Auxiliary, Chairman, OR District President from receiving an Award – Examples are: No, we do not do this program, N/A, I do not know, all zero's, etc. on the report form will disqualify them for any award given at State Convention. In order for a report to qualify, at least one item must have been completed/done by the Auxiliary)**

**AND**

**ALL OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING AUDITS, BONDS, DELEGATE FEES, PLEDGES, SUPPLIES, ETC. TO NATIONAL, DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICT MUST BE MET FOR YOUR AUXILIARY/DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN TO QUALIFY FOR AWARDS.**