

## October Bulletin

### Scholarships



By now you should be accepting entries for both the VOD and Patriot's Pen Scholarships. Be sure to show support for our VFW by publicizing these scholarships and help getting the word out about them. Scholarship Chairs could be helpful with organizing the judging of the essays, creating recognition certificates and planning ways to recognize the students such as planning an awards dinner for both the winners, all entrants and their parents.



### Patriot's Pen National Award

The theme is "Why I Honor the American Flag". This contest is open to all students including home schooled students in grades 6-8. Student must be a resident of the state where entered. National Award for Patriot's Pen is \$5,000 first place, \$4,000 second place, \$3,500 third place and fourth through 46<sup>th</sup> place \$2,750 - \$500.



## **Voice of Democracy National Award**

The theme is “Why My Vote Matters” This contest is open to all students including home schooled students, in grades 9-12. Student must be a resident of the state where entered. The National Award for Voice of Democracy is first place \$30,000 scholarship, second place \$16,000, third place \$10,000 scholarship and fourth through 36<sup>th</sup> place \$7,000 - \$1,500 scholarship and 37<sup>th</sup> – 54<sup>th</sup> place \$1,000scholarship. All Department winners will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C., where their essays will compete in the final competition.

### **Judging:**

I encourage you to involve members from the community to serve as judges. The more involvement with community representatives gives us the opportunity of exposure to what the VFW and Auxiliary are all about.

### **DEADLINES!!!!!!**

**October 31<sup>st</sup> – Student entries to Post/Auxiliary**



## **Continuing Education**

Auxiliary members, spouse, son or daughters 18 years or older with financial need are eligible. Complete the application and submit an essay of 300 words or less. The application must be received at National Headquarters by February 15:

### **Administrator of Programs**

#### **VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters**

**406<sup>th</sup> 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)**

\$1000 will be awarded to an applicant in each of the four Conferences.  
Applications are available at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships)

## **Scholarship and Contest Resources**

- VFW website: [www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education](http://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education)
- VFW Auxiliary website: [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships)
- VFW Store: [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org)

**Or 1-800-821-2606**

