

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

National Scholarship Program



August 2021

School is right around the corner and now is time to get the word out about the VFW and VFWA **Patriot's Pen** and **Voice of Democracy Essay** contests. Get creative in getting the word out, as I know it is not always easy to get into the schools directly.

The theme for **Patriot's Pen** Essay Contest is **"How Can I Be a Good American?"** Open to students in grades 6-8, by the October 31 deadline who are enrolled in public, private or parochial school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.) Home-schooled students also are eligible more details and applications can be found at the following website:

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

The theme for **Voice of Democracy Essay** contest is **"America: Where do we go from here?"** Open to students in grades 9-12 by the October 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or adult education students are ineligible.

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Remember these contests carry some big scholarship funds for our students. Please help your Post get the word out. **Deadline** to the VFW Posts is **midnight on October 31, 2021.**

"Don't FUDGE on Care for Veterans" while "Soaring Above & Beyond."

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