

National Scholarships
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It's hard to believe, but summer is winding down and school is back in session. This bulletin will focus on VOD and Patriot's Pen. The due date of October 31st is just around the corner.

Our mission is to involve as many eligible students as possible to participate in our contests. Have you contacted your teachers, administrators, school counselors, and career coaches? Have you reached out to parochial schools, virtual schools, and students that are home schooled?

VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship

An audio-essay competition for students in grades 9 – 12. This year's theme is "What a Veteran Taught Me About America." Students interested in participating must submit their audio essay prepared on this year's theme, with a completed entry form to their local participating VFW Post. Download the 2026-2027 entry form from our website – www.vfwauxwi.org/Programs/NationalScholarships, then find your sponsoring [local VFW Post](#) as essays must be turned in by **midnight, Oct. 31**.

VFW Patriot's Pen Scholarship

The essay contest is for students in grades 6 – 8 and encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on the patriotic theme, "What a Veteran Taught Me About America." Students interested in participating must submit their essay prepared on this year's theme, with a completed 2026-2027 entry form from our website – www.vfwauxwi.org/Programs/NationalScholarships, to their local participating VFW Post. Find your sponsoring [local VFW Post](#) as applications must be turned in by **midnight, Oct. 31**.

Also, do not forget during the year to share pictures on your local Department's social media pages and with National (info@vfuvauxiliary.org).