

The Deadline for VFW's Youth Scholarship Competitions is Fast Approaching

Applications are Due November 1

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The VFW is still accepting entries for the 2014-2015 VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarship competitions. The deadline for student entries in both contests is **Nov. 1**.

The VFW's scholarship competitions are dedicated to promoting patriotism among America's youth. Students are asked to submit an essay in response to a question or statement on a subject that encourages them to consider how democratic ideals and principles apply to their lives. Each year the VFW awards more than \$3 million in scholarships and awards to middle and high school students who participate in the two competitions.

This year's Voice of Democracy theme asks students, "Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future." The Voice of Democracy scholarship competition is an audioessay competition open to students in grades 9-12. The national winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship. Click here to learn more.

The Patriot's Pen competition is open to students in grades 6-8. This year, students are asked to reflect on the statement, "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans." The national winner will receive a \$5,000 award. Click here for the details.

Students should submit their entry (along with a completed entry form) to their participating <u>local VFW Post</u>.

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