

# VFW Now Accepting Entries for Its 2016-17 Youth Scholarship Competitions

## Don't miss your chance to get in on the action

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) announces it is now accepting entries into the 2016-17 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarship competitions. The announcement comes just weeks after students from across the globe took home their share of \$3.3 million in scholarships and awards from last year's competitions.

The VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competitions are dedicated to encouraging a better understanding and appreciation for our great country and fostering patriotism among our nation's youth. Students are asked to submit an essay in response to a question or statement on a subject which prompts them to consider how American history and democratic ideals and principles apply to their lives.

This year's Voice of Democracy theme asks students to explain, "My Responsibility to America." The Voice of Democracy scholarship competition is an audio-essay competition open to students in grades 9-12. The national winner will receive the \$30,000, T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship Award.

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

Student participants are asked to submit their entry (along with a completed entry form) to their participating VFW Post. The deadline for student entries in both contests is November 1, 2016.

Find your [local VFW Post](#). For more information on the contests, visit [www.vfw.org/YouthScholarships](http://www.vfw.org/YouthScholarships).

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