



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.  
Announces the 2022-23 Voice of Democracy  
National Scholarship Winners**

First-place winner Scotland Stewart, from Winchester, TN, represented the VFW Department of Tennessee, and was awarded the \$35,000 T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship.

Second-place winner Siri Corson, from Preston, MN, represented the VFW Department of Minnesota, and was awarded the \$21,000 Charles Kuralt Memorial Scholarship.

Third-place winner Gina Wierzbowski, from Stoneham, MA, represented the VFW Department of Massachusetts, and was awarded the \$15,000 VFW Scholarship.

Fourth-place winner Mia Dominguez, from Palos Verdes Estates, CA, represented the VFW Department of California, and was awarded the \$7,000 LeRoy Moorhead Memorial Scholarship.

Fifth-place winner Anna Galeano, from Stuttgart, Germany, represented the VFW Department of Europe, and was awarded the \$5,000 Floyd County VFW Post 3281, New Albany Indiana Scholarship.

Sixth-place winner Elizabeth Hooper, from South Jordan, UT, represented the VFW Department of Utah, and was awarded the \$5,000 Rehoboth Beach Post 7447 and Auxiliary Dept. of Delaware Scholarship.

Seventh-place winner Camden Bruce, from Choctaw, OK, represented the VFW Department of Oklahoma, and was awarded the \$4,000 Department of Indiana and Auxiliary Scholarship & Department of New Jersey Howard E. Vander Clute Scholarship (combined).

Eighth-place winner Makenna Potts, from Eddyville, KY, represented the VFW Department of Kentucky, and was awarded the \$4,000 Department of Minnesota William F. Halsey Memorial Scholarship.

Ninth-place winner Gracie Rauschenberger, from Minot, ND, represented the VFW Department of North Dakota, and was awarded the \$3,500 Department of New York and Auxiliary, Rev. Albert G. Salmon Memorial Scholarship.

Tenth-place winner Corrie Bowers, from Daniels, WV, represented the VFW Department of West Virginia, and was awarded the \$3,500 Class 122 Commanders and Department of Illinois and Auxiliary Scholarship (Combined).

Olivia Wolber, from Smithtown, NY, represented the VFW Department of New York, and was awarded the \$3,000 Joseph and Irene Hansen Memorial Scholarship (MD).

Anna Bittner, from Winchester, NH, represented the VFW Department of New Hampshire, and was awarded the \$2,500 Daniel Sean Wallace Memorial Scholarships (NJ).

Naomi Park, from Jacksonville, NC, represented the VFW Department of North Carolina, and was awarded the \$2,500 Troy and Sandy Rothbart Memorial Scholarship (NY).

Jennifer Barnett, from Wagner, SD, represented the VFW Department of South Dakota, and was awarded the \$2,000 Jesse A. Lewis Memorial Scholarship (CA).

Paul Guerne III, from New Port Richey, FL, represented the VFW Department of Florida, and was awarded the \$2,000 Silver Spring Memorial Post 2562 Scholarship (MD).

Siona Pramoda, from Guaynabo, PR, represented the VFW Department of Unaffiliated, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Arizona and Auxiliary Harry A. Kosht Memorial Scholarship.

Dalton Haydel, from Metairie, LA, represented the VFW Department of Louisiana, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of California and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Camryn Robertson, from Brandon, MS, represented the VFW Department of Mississippi, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Illinois VFW – Ray Soden/George Cramer Scholarship.

Sidhaarthk Bulusu, from East Lyme, CT, represented the VFW Department of Connecticut, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Wisconsin Wally Hogan/Tom Tradewell Commanders-in-Chief Scholarship.

Madelyn Heigert, from Paxico, KS, represented the VFW Department of Kansas, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Kentucky and Auxiliary Brian Duffy and Marion Watson Scholarship.

Samuel Edel, from Richland Center, WI, represented the VFW Department of Wisconsin, and was awarded the \$2,000 Francis J. Tallman Memorial Scholarship & Robert A. Stock Memorial Scholarship (NY) (combined).

Grace Capelli, from Cody, WY, represented the VFW Department of Wyoming, and was awarded the \$2,000 Walter and Doris Marshall Memorial Scholarship (MT) & Southern Conference Scholarship (combined).

Ian Chung, from Washington DC, represented the VFW Department of Maryland, and was awarded the \$2,000 Mr. and Mrs. James H. Black Scholarship (NC) & Jane Young Memorial Scholarship (OH) (combined).

Julia Grimaldo, from Orofino, ID, represented the VFW Department of Idaho, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Alabama Scholarship & Department of Georgia James H. "Sloppy" Floyd Memorial Scholarship (combined).

Natalie DeMarco, from Enumclaw, WA, represented the VFW Department of Washington, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Georgia R.D. "Bulldog" Smith, Jr. Scholarship & Department of Ohio Chester J. Koch Memorial Scholarship (combined).

Andrew Kula, from Lemont, IL, represented the VFW Department of Illinois, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Connecticut and Auxiliary Scholarship & Stephen and Elsie Riordan Memorial Scholarship (NJ) (combined).

Taryn Lodge, from Belt, MT, represented the VFW Department of Montana, and was awarded the \$2,000 Larry W. Rivers Scholarship (LA) & Department of Illinois Scott Post 4183 Scholarship (combined).

Elizabeth Cote, from Pascoag, RI, represented the VFW Department of Rhode Island, and was awarded the \$2,000 All American Post 284 Scholarship (D.C.) & Bernard J. Michels, Post 9610 and Auxiliary Scholarship (combined).

Zoey Hughes, from Columbia, SC, represented the VFW Department of South Carolina, and was awarded the \$2,000 Juanita Crowe-Durbino, Department of Tennessee Scholarship & Ervin and Lorraine Rothenbuhler Scholarship (MD) (combined).

Amelia Partlow, from St. Albans, VT, represented the VFW Department of Vermont, and was awarded the \$2,000 Fridley VFW Post 363 and Auxiliary Scholarship (MN) & Department of Michigan and Auxiliary Scholarship (combined).

Charlee Kurtz, from York, PA, represented the VFW Department of Pennsylvania, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of New Hampshire Scholarship.

Lucille Booth, from The Dalles, OR, represented the VFW Department of Oregon, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Missouri and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Hunter Edson, from Limington, ME, represented the VFW Department of Maine, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of New Mexico and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Holly Wilson, from Plattsmouth, NE, represented the VFW Department of Nebraska, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Massachusetts Edward A. Nardi Scholarship.

Rosa LaRochelle, from Las Vegas, NV, represented the VFW Department of Nevada, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Colorado and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Maribel Sikes, from Camp Zama, Japan, represented the VFW Department of Pacific Areas, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Arkansas and Auxiliary Les Thone Memorial Scholarship.

Conner Worthen, from Kapaa, HI, represented the VFW Department of Hawaii, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Wyoming and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Jude Wyant, from El Dorado Springs, MO, represented the VFW Department of Missouri, and was awarded the \$1,000 Roy Chandler VFW Post 762 and Auxiliary Scholarship (ND).

Lily Poling, from Montgomery, AL, represented the VFW Department of Alabama, and was awarded the \$1,000 Arthur W. Jones VFW Post 7564 and Auxiliary Scholarship (ND).

Emma Kehoe, from Talkeetna, AK, represented the VFW Department of Alaska, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Pennsylvania Joseph L. Vicites Memorial Scholarship.

Allyson McLellan, from Dover, DE, represented the VFW Department of Delaware, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Maine Scholarship “to Remember the U.S.S. Maine”.

Amara Fancher, from Cedaredge, CO, represented VFW Department of Colorado, and was awarded the \$1,000 Gilbert N. Nelson - Post 1326 and their Auxiliary - Bismarck, North Dakota Scholarship.

Arwen Zhang, from Dublin, OH, represented the VFW Department of Ohio, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Kansas and Auxiliary Robert R. Whipple Memorial Scholarship.

Arwen Ching, from Hobbs, NM, represented the VFW Department of New Mexico, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Nevada and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Kavya Venkatesan, from Laurence Harbor, NJ, represented the VFW Department of New Jersey, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Florida John M. “Jack” Carney Scholarship.

Erica Armstrong, from Clarksville, AR, represented the VFW Department of Arkansas, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Hawaii and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Aedyn Smalley, from Fayetteville, GA, represented the VFW Department of Georgia, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Idaho and Auxiliary Scholarship.

John McGraw, from Manassas, VA, represented the VFW Department of Virginia, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Mississippi VFW and Auxiliary Bernard McClelland Memorial Scholarship.

Haley Bock, from Indianapolis, IN, represented the VFW Department of Indiana, and was awarded the \$1,000 Ray Sisk Memorial Scholarship (CA).

Wyatt Baldwin, from Farragut, IA, represented the VFW Department of Iowa, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Tennessee Cooper T. Holt - John Furgess Scholarship.

Vivian Chang, from Chandler, AZ, represented the VFW Department of Arizona, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Mississippi Toxie K. Stapleton Post 6473 Luther J. Cox Memorial Scholarship.

Jack Nelson, from Springport, MI, represented the VFW Department of Michigan, and was awarded the \$1,000 Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Eubank and 2010-2011 Department Commanders Scholarship (CA).

Nikki Norton, from Fruitvale, TX, represented the VFW Department of Texas, and was awarded the \$1,000 Mr. and Mrs. John Biedrzycki and the 2015 Homecoming Committee Scholarship (PA) Combined