

Scholarships September 2025-2026

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Brothers and Sisters,

For this month I'm just going over the two contests that are due October 31, 2025 and our Program Goals.

Program Goals

- Student Participation
- Recipient Recognition
- Community Awareness
- Increasing the Fund

Patriot's Pen is a VFW contest that the VFW Auxiliary usually help promote and judge. “How Are You Showing Patriotism And Support For Our Country” is the 2025-2026 theme. Students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades may enter. Foreign Exchange students are ineligible. Essays are to be typed in English with no color or graphics. 300-400 words in length. The essay title or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count. Do not put name on essay. The entry form is your essays cover sheet. The essay must be the students original work and a product of their own thinking. The approach to the theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Student deadline to local VFW by midnight October 31, 2025.

Voice of Democracy is a VFW contest that the VFW Auxiliary usually help promote and judge the entries. Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy share the same theme for 2025-2026. Students in grades 9-12 may enter. Foreign Exchange students, students age 20 or over, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible. Students record in their own voice a 3-5 minute (+ or – 5 seconds max) audio entry on flash drive or other electronic device. You will submit the recording, typed essay and the completed entry form. Entries are due to local VFW by midnight October 31, 2025.

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