

## Scholarships September 2024-2025

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**Extending Service To Our Veterans**

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**“Remember, Respect, Honor**

Brothers and Sisters,

Was good to see all of you that attended in person and on Zoom at our Department School of Instruction. Hopefully you have all of the Scholarship contests into the schools!! We do have two contests that are due next month already! These are VFW contests however VFW Auxiliaries may assist their Post. Next month I will give you more info on judging these entries. Remember to report just as soon as you complete each project!

### **Patriot’s Pen**

Theme for 2024-2025 is **“My Voice in America’s Democracy”** Patriot’s Pen is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades who are enrolled in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Home schooled students also are eligible. Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at Post, District, State and National levels. National awards start at \$500 - \$5,000. All essays will be typed in English with no color or graphics and 300 – 400 words in length. The essay must be student’s original work and a product of the student’s own thinking. The approach to the theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not accepted. The body of the essay must not identify you in anyway. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified whenever used. Students may submit essay by email upon the Post’s approval. Student deadline is Midnight, October 31 to VFW Post.

### **Voice of Democracy Audio – Essay Contest**

Theme for 2024-2025 is **“Is America Today Our Forefathers’ Vision?”** Open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Students record their original 3 – 5 minute (+ or – 5 second max) audio essay on a flash drive, or other electronic device. Also with the recording, a typed essay of the speech and completed entry form. In addition, you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in anyway. National awards start at \$1,000 - \$35,000. Student deadline is Midnight, October 31 to VFW Post.

### **Kansas VFW Endowment**

This is open to any student that has a parent or grandparent who is a VFW or Auxiliary member of Kansas. Applicant must be a graduating senior in May 2025, already enrolled in college or someone who desires a career change later in life. Completed application will need to be turned into the VFW and or VFW Auxiliary, for verification of eligibility of VFW or Auxiliary member. Applications are due to Department of Kansas VFW Headquarters by February 1, 2025. **September is Endowment month**, so get those thinking caps on and decide on how your Auxiliary can raise funds for our Scholarship!

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