

# DEPT. OF WA. SCHOLARSHIPS

## Bulletin #1

Brothers and Sisters,

I know we are in crazy times right now, but it is time for us to start getting ready to get our VOD, Patriots Pen and Jr. Essay contests out to students at the end of August or beginning of September. Hopefully schools will be in session and this will be an easy task for us. Otherwise, we may have to think out of the box to get these distributed widely.

Let's "Get the Word Out!"



Suggestions for distribution are:

Schools and JROTC Units  
Church and/or Youth Groups  
Home-school Associations/Charter Schools

Make sure you recognize your winners: Present a certificate  
Host an award ceremony at your home Post or –  
better yet - at a school assembly  
Don't forget to recognize parents and teachers!!!

The **themes** for this year are:

### **VOD: "Is this the Country the Founders Envisioned?"**

Open to all students grades 9-12. Must be a resident of the state where entered.

### **Patriots Pen: "What is Patriotism to Me?"**

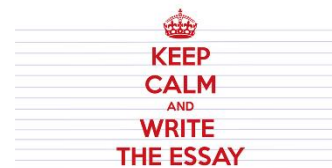
Open to all students grade 6-8. Must be a resident of the state where entered.

### **Youth Essay: "Why American Veterans Should be Honored"**

Open to all students grades 3-5. Must be a resident of the state where entered.

Deadlines for all essays are as follows:

Entries to VFW Post – October 31  
Post Judging Complete – November 15  
District Judging Complete – December 15  
Department Judging Complete – January 10  
Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15



You can access the entry forms and score sheets on the Department of Washington Auxiliary Website under "Programs" then "Scholarships". If you cannot do this, please let me know, I would be more than happy to mail them to you or email the direct links.

Do you have Scholarship Chairman for your Auxiliary? I'd like to get their email address for little "catch ups" at times throughout the year. My information is below. Email or call (leave a message, I'll call you back)

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