

# SCHOLARSHIP 2022-2023 THEMES

## Bulletin#1

The VFW Auxiliary works in partnership with the VFW comrades to coordinate efforts investing in essay scholarship programs to encourage youth participation in patriotism. The opportunity for participation is across the United States, its territories and "the" dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools from grades 3 through 12. High school students will have a chance to win a \$30,000 college scholarship and a trip to Washington DC. Middle school students have a chance to win \$5,000 dollars. Grade school students have a chance to win state awards

We cordially request each Auxiliary to reach out to your local communities to include, but not limited to schools, churches, gathering places, teachers, families and other community stakeholders and encourage the children and youth to participate in the Essay Programs. The program benefits the children as well as their families and communities and help preserve the legacy of American patriots and their commitment to assist the American youth.

### **Voice of Democracy 2022-2023 Theme is: "Why is the Veteran Important?"**

**Students in grades 9-12**

**Deadline to Post October 31 midnight**

**Voice of Democracy** is an audio-essay contest, allowing students to express themselves in regard to democratic and patriotic in a recorded essay.

Remember, essayists who do not completely follow the rules are eliminated from the contest. It's very important that facilitators are able to communicate this clearly to the participants. Download the entry form and rules from <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships>

### **Patriot's Pen 2022-2023 Theme is: "My pledge to Our Veterans."**

**Students in grades 6-8**

**Deadline to Post October 31 midnight**

VFW's **Patriot's Pen** is a written- essay contest of 300-400 words encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society. First place state winner receives a minimum of \$500, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000.

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### **Department of Washington Youth Essay 2022-2023 Theme is: "Why are Veterans so important to us?"**

**Students in grades 3-5**

**Deadline to Post October 31 midnight**

**Department of Washington Youth Essay** is a written-essay contest not to exceed 250 words. This essay encourages our youth to examine history, along with their own beliefs

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**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

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