



**Veterans of Foreign Wars
California District 10
San Francisco and East Bay
PRESS RELEASE**



**August 1, 2020
Voice of Democracy Scholarship
Patriot Pen Scholarship**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to sponsor the annual VFW scholarship contest. The contest is open to all junior and senior high students. **Junior High** students would submit a 300-400 word essay on a patriotic topic. **Senior High** students would submit a 3-4 minute audio essay presentation on a patriotic topic. Scholarship awards are given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners at the Post, District, State and National levels. The District 1st place winners will receive an all-expense paid trip and tour of Sacramento. The State of California 1st place winner will receive an all-expense paid trip and tour of Washington, DC. Winners will also be formally recognized at Post, District, State and National levels.

Please contact your local VFW Post for details.

What: Annual VFW National Junior and Senior High School Scholarships
Senior High Grades 9-12: *Voice of Democracy*
Junior High Grades 6-8: *Patriot's Pen*

Awards: Voice of Democracy

National: \$30,000 scholarship
State of California: \$2,000 plus all-expense paid trip to Washington DC
\$1,000 for 2nd, 3rd and 4th place
SF East Bay District: \$500 plus all-expenses paid trip to Sacramento
\$250 for 2nd place and \$150 for 3rd place
Local VFW Posts: Local scholarships

Patriot's Pen

National: \$5,000 scholarship
State of California: \$1,000 plus plaque
\$750 for 2nd place and \$500 for 3rd place
SF East Bay District: \$300 plus plaque
\$150 for 2nd place and \$100 for 3rd place
Local VFW Posts: Local scholarships

Requirement:

Voice of Democracy <http://vfw.org/VOD/>
3 to 5 minutes recording (digital) on theme topic plus a typed copy of essay.
2020 Theme **"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"**

Patriots Pen <http://vfw.org/PatriotsPen/>
300 to 400 words written essay on theme topic.
2020 Theme **"What is Patriotism to Me?"**

Entries: Entries must be submitted to your local VFW Post by midnight **October 31, 2020**