

VFW POST 6441

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

GRADES 6 -12 / SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19

The VFW annual program for Youth Scholarship and Education goal is to promote patriotism by working alongside America's youth and recognizing teachers who promote positive values through education and encouragement. Instilling a sense of patriotism has always been — and will always be — a VFW core priority. This is achieved by involving youth in essays with positive reflection on challenging themes, as indicated below:



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY - GRADE 9-12

This year's **Voice of Democracy (VOD) theme** asks students to reflect upon, "**WHY MY VOICE MATTERS**" in an audio-essay competition. Post 6441 awards \$2,000 for 1st, \$1,500 for 2nd, & \$1,000 for 3rd place. Post top District essays go to State & National with awards of \$12,000 & \$30,000, respectively.



PATRIOT'S PEN - GRADES 6-8

This year's **Patriot's Pen essay**, students are asked to reflect on, "**WHY I HONOR THE AMERICAN FLAG**". Post 6441 awards \$300 for first place, \$200 for second, \$100 for third, & \$50 for 4th thru 10th place. Post top essay go to District and State receives \$1,500 for 1st place. The Post national winner will receive a \$5,000 award.

Student participants are asked to submit their essay (along with a completed entry form) to VFW Post 6441 by October 31, 2018. Contact the VFW Post 6441 Program Chairman at kerry.ridgway@sbcglobal.net for entry forms.