

**PATRIOT'S PEN**  
**2024-2025**  
**VFW DEPT OF KANSAS**

CONTEST THEME

**“My Voice in America’s Democracy”**

The Patriot’s Pen contest is for students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades in public, parochial, private or home schools. Students write an essay of 300-400 words and submit it, typewritten, to the local VFW Post chairman by 31 October 2024.

Complete entry forms and judging information is available at:

<https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Patriots-Pen-Entry-Form-Fillable.pdf?v=1&d=20240318T134132Z&la=en>

Post Chairman: A clearly filled out; completed/signed entry form should accompany each entry.

District Chairman: Please sign the entry form and include the District Report Form plus the District Participation Report when you forward the District winner to the Department chairman.

**Deadlines:**

October 31 - Essay should be received by Post.

November 15 - Local winners are due to District Chairman.

December 10 - District winners are due to Department Chairman.

January 15 - Department winners are due to National Chairman.

Department Scholarship Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250 check.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$150 check.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$75 check.

Top 3 place winners are also invited to the Mid-Winter awards banquet.

(Local Post or District is responsible for winner’s banquet ticket and lodging if necessary.)

Program cost to KS Dept:

Awards - \$475

(Auxiliary donates \$100 towards the program awards.)

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