

PATRIOT'S PEN 2026-2027 VFW DEPT OF KANSAS

CONTEST THEME

“What A Veteran Taught Me About America”

The Patriot's Pen contest is for students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th 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 2026. Complete entry forms and judging information is available at:

Online link for Scholar's App for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy

<https://scholarsapp.com/>

If a chairman needs an account, they need to contact us and we can create it for them as well as create their Post if they don't have one yet.

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:

1st Place - \$250 check.

2nd Place - \$150 check.

3rd 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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