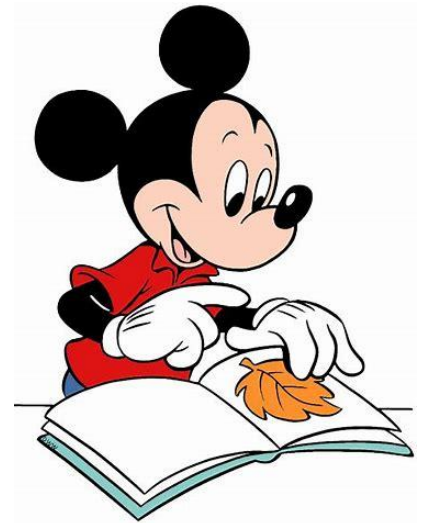


# Fall Scholarships Check-in

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**Hello Brothers and Sisters,**

**Fall is upon us and our deadlines for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy are quickly approaching. By now your Auxiliary should have shared the Scholarships information with counselors, teachers, coaches, churches and any other youth organizations or family members who may want to participate. I have received so many wonderful reports from Auxiliaries. Thank you.**



## **Scholarship and Contest Resources and Deadlines**

- † **VFW website: [vfw.org/community/youth-and-education](http://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education)**
- † **VFW Maryland website: [vfwauxmd.org](http://vfwauxmd.org) → Programs → Scholarships**
- † **VFW Auxiliary website: [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships)**
- † **Promotions from National Ambassador**
- † **VFW Store: [vfwstore.org](http://vfwstore.org) or 1-833-VFW-VETS**



**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY  
OPEN FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9 TO 12**

What student can't use up to \$35,000 and a free trip to our Washington DC and fame? The deadline is fast approaching for the Voice of Democracy Scholarship. The amounts have been increased for the first, second and third place winners. Can one of Maryland high schoolers win free money? They can with your help!! This is a very easy program to promote. Every high school has someone that runs their scholarship program. A simple phone call to your local school and you can find out who to send information to. You should make sure they know this can be used for a vocational/technical school as well as a college or university.

**This year's theme: What are the Greatest attributes of our Democracy?**



**PATRIOT'S PEN  
OPEN FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 TO 8**

Let's not leave our middle schools out. Can we award a Maryland student \$5,000 for a national prize? Give them a head start with the Patriot's Pen. This year's theme is How are you inspired by America. Contact your local middle school and find out who to send information to. Once again this can be done with a simple phone call and could not be easier!

**This year's theme: How are you inspired by America?**

**Deadlines for both contests:**

**Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31**

**Post Judging Complete – November 15**