

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, SCHOLARSHIP AND RECOGNITION

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Every year, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition and the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, garnering more than \$3.4 million in scholarships and incentives. In addition to VFW's outstanding scholarship programs, Posts and Auxiliaries across the nation work with youth in scouting, sports, ROTC and military cadet programs. By providing leaders, funding, sponsorships and other resources, the VFW and its Auxiliaries encourage millions of America's young adults to higher ideals and greater personal achievement.

Post and District Chairman should refer to the National VFW Programs Guide "It's About Service" for more information on the VFW Youth Hero Award, Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, Scout of the Year Award and Youth Cadet Awards Programs.

Youth development, scholarship and recognition materials are available from VFW Emblem and Supply, or by visiting www.vfwdepartmentresources.org

HOW TO REPORT

All activities should be reported on-line via the Department website **Youth Activities** at <http://www.vfwca.org/membertools/programform12rpt.html> or by submitting a report (Form-12) to the Department Chairman.

Important! – To qualify for awards a Post must send a copy of the Program Reporting (Form 12) to the Department Chairman with all applicable attachments.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the State Convention as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall (Post & District) will be awarded a plaque, based on Chairman Recommendation.