

HOW TO SUBMIT: Students will submit their Voice of Democracy entries utilizing the Scholar's App Scholarship Platform, an electronic scholarship entry and tracking platform. Each Post will have their own flyer with a QR code for the Voice of Democracy scholarship program. Students will use the QR code to open the program and complete the recording, typed essay and the completed entry form. Once completed the student will upload it to their local Post for Judging.

Once the essay is uploaded students can track the progress of their essays and if necessary, make changes or corrections.

You must be the sole author of your essay. Inappropriate use of Chat GPT or other AI tools is not allowed. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to your name, school, city, state, race, or national origin.

In the event a student cannot use Scholar's App they may submit their entry form, essay, and recorded essay via email or hard copy with the essay on a thumb drive to their local Post for judging. Please ensure your recording and typed essay is labeled with your name.

If submitting to a school/group competition for judging. Submit the hardcopy as outlined above.