



2025-2026 COMPETITION

# PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

## Post 483



**"VFW made it possible  
for me to go to college."**  
- Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

### ELIGIBILITY

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2025**

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.

### PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, **"How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"**
- National Prize is currently **\$5,000**



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### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay  
This year's theme is, **"How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"**
- National Prize is currently **\$35,000**

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