

Show Them the Money

2024-2025 National Scholarships Ambassador Dina Hudson

This is our time of year! Let's get on board the **SCHOLARSHIP!!!**

The VFW's Patriot's Pen (grades 6-8) and The Voice of Democracy (grades 9-12) have due dates which are FAST approaching! Both are due by **OCTOBER 31, 2024**.

"My Voice in America's Democracy" is The Patriot's Pen topic.

"Is America Today, Our Forefather's Vision" is The Voice of Democracy topic.

Full contest details and applications can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>.

Be sure to ASK your Department Commander if your state has opted in for the new QR code! Students can submit easily by using this code! EACH State Commander MUST OPT IN for your state to be able to use this.

We have got to FIND our applicants! Use social media, parental contacts, teacher friends, homeschool groups, etc... to GET THE WORD OUT!

NOW for some serious talk. Some students cheat. Yes, I said it. They cheat. As a teacher of over 30 years, I can attest to this. Sometimes, students crave winning more than integrity.

HOW do we counteract the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in student submissions? It's not always easy. I have found a few sites to check for plagiarism and computer-generated work. My favorites are <https://www.zerogpt.com> to check for AI and <https://www.grammarly.com/plagiarism-checker> to check for plagiarism. Feel free to use your favorites and share with us as well.

We have some amazing students who do amazing work. I would hate to see our hard-working participants place behind unethical cheaters.

Other scholarships to keep in mind~

- Continuing Education Scholarship – due February 15, 2025
- Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest – due March 31, 2025
- 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest – due March 31, 2025

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