



The good will of the Veterans of Foreign Wars reaches far beyond the realm of veterans helping veterans. In fact, direct involvement with America's youth and communities has always been — and always will be — a VFW priority.

VFW believes strongly in good citizenship and fostering patriotism. That's why we encourage youthful minds to examine our nation's history and their own experiences in modern American society through our Patriot's Pen youth essay-writing contest.

Annually, more than 100,000 students from grades 6-8 (nationwide) enter. One first-place winner from each state competes to win one of 46 national awards totaling \$46,000. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in March.

Students should draft a 300 to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on an — always patriotic — annual theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

Please Mail your Applications to:

VFW Post 2669
Attn: Patriot Pen Program
3100 SE Mile Hill Dr.
Port Orchard, WA 98366

If you have any questions about the Patriot's Pen Program, please ask for the Ladies Auxiliary representative at
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