

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Linn Post 584, Albany, Oregon

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To: School Administrators, Teachers, Counselors, Youth Group Leaders and Parents;

Albany VFW Post 584 and its Auxiliary welcome you back to the 2019-2020 school year. We are excited to offer, once again, three outstanding scholarship opportunities for the students in our community. Each one encourages civic responsibility, as well as patriotism, and creative thinking, and is an excellent tool to help students develop their writing and speaking skills. It also increases student awareness of veterans and their families in our community and encourages students to express their views on a topic.

- **Voice of Democracy**, Audio Essay Contest, open to students in grades nine through twelve. National winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American University, college, or vocational/technical school. The State winner will receive a monetary award and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C., as well as prizes and scholarship money at Post and District level.
- **Patriot's Pen**, Essay Contest, open to students in grades six through eight. National winner receives a check for \$5,000.00. State winner will receive a monetary award and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C., as well as prizes and scholarship money at Post and District level.
- **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**, open to students in grades nine through twelve. First place winner from state competes for national awards totaling \$21,000, with other prizes at post, district, and state level.

All entries to be submitted to the local VFW post. Students need to review applications carefully to ensure their entries follow guidelines for number of words in the essays and length of the audio essay.

**Deadline to submit entries for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen to VFW Post 584 is October 31st, 2019.**

**Deadline for Creative Patriotic Art contest is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.**

Applications, the theme for this year's contest, works of past winners, and brochures can be downloaded and printed at National VFW website; [vfw.org](http://vfw.org). Click on scholarships on the home page and follow links.

Please make this information available on your websites, bulletin boards and school papers as a service to students seeking scholarships. Our members are also hear as a resource to teachers, students and youth organizations and can provide patriotic instruction, school and community project assistance, and research projects. Thank you for your service to our students and community.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please call or email;

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