



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

2026-2027 COMPETITION

PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY Post 9676



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

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 31, 2026

PATRIOT'S PEN (PP)

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word Essay
- National Prize is currently \$5,000
- Theme: "What a Veteran Taught me about America." **

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ELIGIBILITY

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



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY (VOD)

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay
- National Prize is currently \$35,000
- Theme: "What a Veteran Taught me about America." **

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** 2026-27 Same Theme for VOD and PP



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