



2023-2024 COMPETITION

PATRIOT'S PEN AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Post 3442



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

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 31, 2023

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

PATRIOT'S PEN

- 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



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- 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

