

PATRIOT'S PEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

YOU TOO CAN WIN \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond!

WHO CAN ENTER:

The Patriot's Pen program is open to students in grades 6-8 who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.

HOW TO ENTER:

The deadline for the 2023-2024 entry to the local sponsoring VFW Post is **October 31, 2023** The theme, that must be strictly adhered to is: (Not yet announced)

The written essay is an absolute minimum of 300 words and an absolute maximum of 400 words. Students can ask a teacher or youth group leader to supervise their progress in the competition. **Any other theme listed on the essay, other than that above, will be automatically disqualified.**

When completed, the essay and entry form is provided, by mail, to: Pacific Beach Post 5985, San Diego, CA 92109 to be received not later than **Oct 31, 2023**. The essay and entry form can also be delivered to the Post. **Early entries are accepted.**

Entry form can be found at: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points. You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points. Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points. Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.