



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
***VOICE OF DEMOCRACY* SCHOLARSHIP TO GIVE AWAY UP TO**
\$30,000

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SACRAMENTO, CA – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of California announced today that VFW posts are now accepting applications for the annual *Voice of Democracy* essay contest. The theme this year is “Does My Generation Have a Role in America’s Future?”

“The *Voice of Democracy* program was created to get students thinking about patriotism today in America and give them the opportunity to voice their opinion,” said Denis Wells, State Commander. “The youth are the future of America and the VFW is proud to provide a scholarship to students looking to go to college and continue their education. The VFW is always looking for ways to make a difference in the community and *Voice of Democracy* is just one of the ways we can do so.”

Voice of Democracy is a scholarship program for high school students in grades 9-12. There are prizes from the local post level all the way up to the \$30,000 grand prize for the national winner. One California student will win \$2,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., March 5-9, 2011 to represent California against the other winners from all over the United States.

Students can enter by submitting the entry form along with their essay and a recording of their essay to a local VFW post. To find a post in your area and for more information on the contest go to <http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=cmtty.level&did=150>.

The entry **deadline** is **November 1, 2010**.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is America’s largest organization of combat veterans. Since its inception more than 100 years ago, the VFW has donated millions of dollars and volunteer hours, been a strong supporter of the country’s youth, and of patriotic and educational efforts. The VFW has also been an unwavering advocate to the military, its veterans, and their families.