The Veterans of Foreign Wars works to promote civic responsibility, patriotism, and to support youth, if you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a $30,000 college scholarship or a patriotic middle school student interested in winning $5,000, the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen contests may be for you. The VFW Auxiliary also offers a scholarship through their Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest.

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY 2018-2019 THEME: WHY MY VOTE MATTERS**

**PATRIOTS PEN 2018-2019 THEME: WHY I HONOR THE AMERICAN FLAG**

2018-2019 Voice of Democracy Rules and Entry Form

2018-2019 Patriots Pen Rules and Entry Form

2018-2019 VFW Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art Details

**THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ALSO HAS AN AWARD FOR THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR:**

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Each year, a classroom elementary, junior high and high school teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics — for at least half of the school day in a classroom environment — can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Winners receive:

- A $1,000 award for professional development expenses.
- A $1,000 award for his/her school.
- Two award plaques: one for the teacher, the other for his/her school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW conference to receive their award.

**VFW TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM**