VFW
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AUDIO-ESSAY COMPETITION

VOD WINNER 2025



$35,000
NATIONAL FIRST-PLACE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Over **$2 MILLION** in educational scholarships and incentives awarded every year!

2026–2027 THEME *"What a Veteran Taught Me About America"*

ELIGIBILITY

Open to students in grades 9–12 enrolled in a public, private, parochial school, or home-study program in the U.S. and its territories.

FORMAT

Create a 3-to-5-minute (+/– 5 seconds) audio essay on this year's theme. Your entry includes:

- ✓ Recorded audio essay
- ✓ Typed essay
- ✓ Entry form

Submit digitally through your local VFW Post (often via Scholar's App).

PRIZES

Scholarships and incentives are awarded at the local, district, state and national levels.

Prizes range from **$1,000** at the state level to the **$35,000** national grand prize!

DEADLINE

All entries must be submitted to your local VFW Post by

OCTOBER 31, 2026

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SCAN TO ENTER

YOUR LOCAL POST

POST 4676

ENTRY FORM & DETAILS: https://bit.ly/4faO88n