



To: Post Commanders and Post Auxiliary Presidents
From: Russell R. Canevari
Patriot's Pen Chairman
Subject: 2011-2012 Patriot's Pen Scholarship
Theme: "Are you proud of your Country?"

State Deadlines for the 2011-2012 Patriotism Program are listed below:

- 1.) November 1, 2011-Student Deadline Entry is at Midnight***
- 2.) November 15, 2011-Post judging completed***
- 3.) December 6, 2011-District judging completed***
- 4.) December 13, 2011-District Winner Entry Form, typed essay, head and shoulders photo of good quality, District summary report and District participation report in the hands of the Department Chairman Russell Canevari @ 105 Basalyga St., Jessup, PA 18434.***
- 5.) December 17, 2011-Department judging (Time and location to be announced)***
- 6.) January 15, 2012-Department Winner and Reports submitted to National Headquarters.***

The 2011-2012 State Auxiliary Chairman is Bonnie Drake. If you have any questions or concerns, Bonnie and I can be contacted as follows:

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Thank you!

Russell Canevari
State Patriots Pen Chairman.

Patriot's Pen

OFFICIAL STUDENT ENTRY FORM 2011-2012 PATRIOT'S PEN COMPETITION
MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL ENTRANTS
Please include a photo of the student

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Home Phone

E-mail

Date of Birth (day, month, year)

Grade in School

Essay Word Count

School Name, City, State

Print Parent's Name(s)

Print Teacher's Name

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTEST RULES

Signature of Student Participant

Date

2011-12 Theme: "Are You Proud of Your Country?"

What are the rules?

- Essay length: 300-400 typewritten words.
- You must write your own essay.
- All essays should be typewritten in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (Essays under or over these word amounts will be eliminated.) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.

Deadline:

The completed essay, entry form, and picture of student must be in the hands of the VFW Post Chairman by midnight **Nov. 1, 2011**. In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay. Do not put your name on your essay. The entry form is your essay's cover sheet. Secure the Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Essays must be written exclusively for this competition. Use of the same essay for other competitions will result in disqualification. Contestants are allowed to enter only once (one Post competition). Contestants found in violation of this rule will face elimination from the competition and will be required to return any and all prize money awarded or received.

The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW retains non-exclusive rights to use your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

Note: All entries must be submitted to a VFW Post competition.
If you have difficulty identifying a sponsoring Post in your area,
call the VFW Department of Minnesota:
(651) 291-1757 or e-mail: mnvfw@vfwmn.us

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW/AUXILIARY POST Due to District By Nov 15
I certify that this student is an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Patriot's Pen Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____

Ladies Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature _____

Post Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

No. of students participating _____ No. of winners advanced to District _____

Amt. Of Post/Aux. awards and bonds \$ _____

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

Post Chairmen: Please be sure to include a written copy of the winning entrants speech and a PICTURE of the entrant when you forward it to the District Chairman.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW/AUXILIARY DISTRICT Due to Dept. By Dec 15

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the 2011-2012 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist # _____

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

(_____) _____ E-mail _____
Phone _____

District Chairmen: Please be sure to include a written copy of the winning entrants speech and a PICTURE of the entrant when you forward it to the District Chairman.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VFW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the 2011-2012 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Department Competition and is our sole entry into the National judging.

Department Chairman's Signature _____

(_____) _____ (_____) _____
Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

The winner will be notified that they are the first place Department winner on _____.
Note: National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to notify them of their national placement.

SUMMARY

DISTRICT PATRIOT'S PEN PARTICIPATION REPORT

DISTRICT NO. _____

DEPARTMENT OF _____, VFW

The VFW Posts and Auxiliaries identified in this report in this District participated in the VFW annual Patriot's Pen Program.

GRAND TOTALS FOR POST COMPETITION: list totals taken from District report form(s)

Posts	Auxs	Students	Post Winners Advanced
\$ _____			\$ _____
Savings Bonds & Awards			Addl. Money Expended

MONETARY VALUE OF DISTRICT COMPETITION (add County Councils if applicable):

District Savings Bonds & Awards \$ _____

District Additional Expenses \$ _____

Signed by: _____ Date _____
District Chairman

*PLEASE ATTACH COMPLETED REPORT FORM(S) AND GIVE
THIS COMPLETED SUMMARY TO YOUR DEPARTMENT
PATRIOT'S PEN CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2012.*

