



Scholarship
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Hello Chairman!

Did you get into your local schools before they ended their year for the Summer?

Did you hop on the “**Yellow Brick Road**” and make it to one of the Department Schools of Instruction?

Have you **contacted** the teachers and counselors who are attending Summer School programs?

Have you gone on the **Department and National** websites to get more information on the program?

Have you **Contacted** your local library and newspapers to get the information to the public?

Have you **spoken** to the youth at your church?

Get into the schools as soon as possible so you can give them our information on all the scholarships. We cannot have a successful program without lots of attention and we know you can use your magical words to promote our scholarships to the children.

Now is the time that we need to focus on the Voice of Democracy and the Patriot’s Pen with our Post. We want to get the students writing their essays as soon as possible. Some students need more time than others and we want every student to have every opportunity as soon as possible. When you give the information to the students, **let them know what the Local, District, Department and National Awards are and explain the process of advancement.** You may purchase the scholarship pamphlets from the VFW Store. The essays are due to the Post by **October 30th**. Check back with the people that you have given the information to; they may have gotten busy and need to be reminded of the Scholarships. Work with your counterpart to pick judges, it is best to pick those who do not have children or grandchildren who are eligible for either contest, I know that can be hard sometimes. Plan how you and your counterpart will present the awards to the winners. Maybe a ceremony with dinner, maybe a more casual event with finger foods, or present them at their school in front of their peers. Use your imagination, the possibilities are endless!!

REPORT!! REPORT!! REPORT!! As we travel down the “Yellow Brick Road” we will be “The Reason a Veteran Smiles Today” “From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans-Who Keep Us Free”
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