



**73rd ANNUAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
VFW 2019-2020
"What Makes America Great"**

Info To: Department Commander Wayne Perry
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From: Glenn Owen
State Voice of Democracy Chairman

Subject: 2019-2020 Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition

Theme: **"WHAT MAKES AMERICA GREAT"**

Fellow Comrades and Sisters:

Welcome to another exciting year of the Annual State Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition. I know that with all of your hard work and dedication to this program we will have a very successful year. The following information should help you to get started:

Post and District Chairmen can access the program guides, find participating Posts, download student brochures or purchase them on line (Item #04420) from the National VFW website www.vfw.org. Students can also complete a Voice of Democracy entry form on the National website using the Voice of Democracy link. The Department website is www.vfwpahq.org; where you will find the following Department information: Department deadlines and the student entry brochure, the Department of Pennsylvania Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year information and nomination form and the Department Perpetual Scholarship information and donation form.

*******CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM*******

CASSETTE TAPES WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING. ONLY CD'S OR FLASH DRIVES. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ "HOW DO I ENTER" ON THE ENTRY FORM FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

State Deadlines for the 2019-2020 Voice of Democracy Program are listed below:

- 1.) October 31, 2019—Student Deadline Entry is at Midnight
- 2.) November 15, 2019—Post judging completed
- 3.) December 8, 2019—District judging completed
- 4.) December 14, 2019—District Winner Entry Form, CD or flash drive of essay, typed essay, head and shoulders photo of good quality, District summary report and District participation report in the hands of the Department Chairman, Glenn Owen.
Address to 8563 RT 467 Le Raysville PA 18829. **DO NOT MAIL TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS!**
- 5.) December 15, 2019—Department judging (Time and location to be announced)
- 6.) January 15, 2020—Department Winner and Reports submitted to National Headquarters
- 7.) February 1, 2020---Annual Voice of Democracy Banquet (Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Cir, Gettysburg PA, 17325)

The 2019-2020 State Auxiliary Chairman is Joan Faddis. If you have any questions or concerns, Joan and I can be contacted as follows:

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We are looking forward to meeting and talking with each one of you during this program year. I am also including this year's 22th Annual PA State Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year Program and Entry Form as well as the PA State Perpetual Scholarship Fund information and donation forms. Please make copies for your Post Chairmen, Auxiliary Chairmen and the Membership so that they can enter their favorite devoted teacher who promotes and works this very important Youth Activity. As you promote the programs, please encourage participation in the Perpetual Scholarship Fund.

REMINDER: One of Commander Perry's requirements for All State Post is a Voice of Democracy entry or Donation to Department Scholarship Fund.

Department Divisions 1-6 **\$250.00**
Department Divisions 7-11 **\$100.00**

Thank you!

In Support of our Troops and Friendship in the VFW and Its Auxiliary,

GLENN OWEN
State Voice of Democracy Chairman