

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO

Statement of Policy for the  
Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program

**Program**

Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its VFW Auxiliary conducts a National Scholarship Program called the Voice of Democracy. This program is designed to give high school students the opportunity to voice their thoughts through the broadcasting media to all America. The Department of Colorado is an enthusiastic supporter of this program.

**Policy**

The Department policy for the Voice of Democracy Program will not conflict with the Voice of Democracy policy as set forth by the National organization.

**Awards**

The Department will award scholarship prizes to the top five winners, who will be determined at the annual Department judging sessions.

**Monies**

The scholarship monies will be placed in a separate account until withdrawn. The monies will be paid directly to the Registrar of a school of higher education upon proof of enrollment of the student named on the scholarship award.

**Time Limits**

The scholarship awards must be claimed by the beginning of the fall semester of the 10th year after graduation from high school. The award belongs to the named student even though he or she may change high schools before graduation.

**Extension**

If, due to extenuating circumstances, this period of time needs to be extended, a written account of the reasons for the extension will be sent to the Department Commander at Department Headquarters within the above specified period of time. It will be the responsibility of the Council of Administration to rule on these requests.

**Changes**

Any changes or deviation from this policy statement will require action by the Council of Administration.

**Application for Scholarship**

When a student enrolls in a school of higher education, the student may claim their scholarship by mailing proof of enrollment to: Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214. Upon receipt of proof of enrollment, a check will be issued to the School Registrar. Any questions may be directed to Department Quartermaster 303-421-1630.

**Reimbursement**

Students will be reimbursed \$0.20 cents per mile for travel to and from Department Awards Banquet if their one-way travel is more than 100 miles from their place of residence.

This Policy will be included with the invitation to the Awards Banquet (Top 5 State winners).