

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
2010-2011**

**CONTEST THEME - "DOES MY GENERATION HAVE A ROLE IN
AMERICA'S FUTURE?"**

Voice of Democracy is a script-writing program designed to give high school students the opportunity to voice their opinion on a patriotic theme. This is a joint program with the Ladies Auxiliary. All ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students enrolled in Kansas public, private, parochial schools, or home school study program are eligible to participate in this contest. Exchange students, students age 20 or over and previous first place department winners are not eligible to participate.

CONTEST RULES: Students record their original 3 to 5 minute essay on a standard cassette tape or a CD on the above stated theme. They submit their tape, a copy of their written essay and the completed entry form found in the service leaflet to the Post chairperson. The tape must be in their own voice without music, special effects or background sounds. Songs and poetry are not acceptable. Students may not provide anything in the essay that would identify them in any way.

CONTEST DEADLINES: Post Deadline is November 1, 2010. The winning post tape, the written essay, along with the complete entry form, the student biographical questionnaire, recent photograph and parent release form must be in the hands of the District Chairman by **November 15, 2010**. The District winner must be in the hands of the Department chairman by December 10, 2010. The District chairman must also submit the report form and participation form along with the above mentioned information submitted by the Post entry.

Be sure to get the information to the local radio stations, television stations, and newspapers. Ask a teacher you know to help coordinate the effort at school. Take a short announcement to the school and ask them to put the information on their daily bulletin, daily announcements, or with their scholarship packet. Be aware of the deadlines and continue to check with students that they have had the opportunity to participate.

AWARDS

3rd place winner	\$ 400.00
2nd place winner	\$ 600.00
1st place winner	\$1000.00
Trip to Washington, DC	
Trip to Academy of Achievement	
Department winner is guaranteed at least \$1,000 at National level	
The National winner receives \$30,000.00.	
(\$300.00 will be paid by the Ladies Auxiliary)	

Districts will be responsible for the district winner's room at the Mid-Winter Conference. Please consider inviting the district winners to their spring conventions and honoring them at that time.

Certificates, entry forms, pins, plaques, etc. may be ordered from VFW National Supply. Use these to thank students for entering the contest. The local entry form may also be printed from the National VFW web site: <http://www.vfw.org/pdf/vod.pdf>

We would encourage Posts and Auxiliaries to also use these items to thank all volunteers who helped with this program. Department awards will be presented at Mid-Winter Conference in January 2011.

Please forward all District winner tapes and completed entry forms before December 10, 2010 to:

Robert Petterson
State VOD Chairman
323 E 6th St
Beloit, KS 67420-2417
(785) 738-3011

BUDGET

AWARDS:

1st place award	\$1000.00
2nd place award	600.00
3rd place award	\$400.00
(\$300.00 paid by Ladies Auxiliary)	

MID-WINTER

11 banquet tickets @ \$20.00 (9 District winners & 2 State VOD Chairs)	220.00
Jackets for the 9 district winners @ \$28.00	252.00
3 medals	30.00
9 VOD pins	47.00

TRIPS

Trip to Washington DC (National expense)	
Round trip plane ticket	376.00
State Pins to hand out by winner	40.00
Freedom Foundation Trip Expense 2011 paid to National Headquarters	450.00
Miscellaneous	50.00

	3465.00
(Ladies Auxiliary)	-300.00

TOTAL	\$3165.00