



Fellow Life Scouter,

As a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), I want to congratulate you on becoming a Life Scout.

Some of the VFW's earliest ties to the community involve youth groups. Few are stronger – and none more lasting – than the close relationships between the VFW and Boy Scouts of America, dating back to 1915.

You have reached your final step on your trail toward Eagle. It is also a time for you to consider preparing the ground work in applying for college scholarships. Through Scouting you have demonstrated your commitment and involvement in your community, church, and school. All of your accomplishments become factors considered by a scholarship selection committee. Now is the time to build and document your resume for scholarship applications.

One such scholarship is offered by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is based on your accomplishments as a Scout. I have attached a copy of the ***Scout of the Year Scholarship*** application for your information. Upon earning your Eagle Scout Award, you may apply.

Scout of the Year. The VFW provides three scholarships nationally for an Eagle Scout, Venture Silver Award, Sea Scout Quartermaster, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank. Applications: March 1st submittal to your local VFW Post. Criteria can be found at the following link: <http://vfw.org/Community/Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship/>

A second VFW scholarship opportunity available to you as a High School student is the ***Voice of Democracy.*** Each year, more than 51,000 high school students from across the country enter to win a share of the \$2.2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. Applications: November 1st submittal to your local VFW Post. Criteria can be found at the following link: <http://vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>

Applications should be turned into your nearest VFW Post. To find a post brows to the following link and enter your ZIP code: <http://www.vfw.org/oms//findpost.aspx>)

If you have any questions, I would be glad to discuss the VFW scholarship opportunities.

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