



**71ST ANNUAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
VFW 2017-2018
“American History: Our Hope for the Future”**

**20th Annual Department of Pennsylvania
Voice of Democracy Recognition Program for Educators**

“Pennsylvania Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year”

The Department of Pennsylvania wishes to recognize the contribution made by teachers in support of the Voice of Democracy Patriotic Essay Competition. The Department will again recognize one educator who has made an outstanding effort to promote the Voice of Democracy Program in their school. Posts are urged to nominate one teacher for this honor to the District V.O.D. chairman. The District will select one nominee to be sent to the Department level judging. The winning teacher will be invited to the State Voice of Democracy Banquet to be honored as the “Pennsylvania Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year”.

This program should not replace any existing effort (i.e.; National Citizenship Education Teacher Award) on the post and district level to reward the efforts of teachers but should be considered an additional incentive for the Voice of Democracy program.

The deadline date for submission for teacher nominations will be the same dates as those for the V.O.D. program.

- Posts should use the enclosed nomination form for teacher nominations.
- Posts nominations should be in the hands of the V.O.D. District Chairman 5 days prior to the date set for the District judging. Post chairmen should contact the District Chairmen to check for the date and give notice of their nomination.
- The District Chairmen should schedule district competitions before December 3rd. District winning nomination must be submitted to the Department Chairman by December 7, 2017.
- District Chairmen will ensure that all Posts nominations have an opportunity to participate on a fair and equal basis. Due notice should be given to all Posts/Auxiliaries of the exact date, time and location of the District judging along with the instructions stating where, when and to whom the nominations should be submitted.

Department Awards for Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year include:

- Hotel and travel expenses to the State Voice of Democracy Banquet, January 2018
- Banquet tickets for winner and guest
- Plaque and additional gifts. Plus tour with V.O.D. District Winners

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Nomination Form

20th Annual Dept. of PA. VFW
Voice of Democracy Teacher of the Year
Department of Pennsylvania 2017-2018
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Nominated Teacher

First name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone () _____
Email Address _____
Subject and Grade taught: _____
Current School _____
School Address _____
School Phone () _____
School Email Address _____
Jacket Size _____
Name wanted on jacket (Mr., Mrs., Last name, or First name or Nickname) _____

Please describe in 250 words or less why you feel your nominee should be selected for the Pennsylvania V.O.D. Teacher of the Year Award. (Separate sheet should be attached)

Post/Auxiliary Chairman

Person submitting entry: _____
Address _____ Phone Number () _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____
Post and/or Auxiliary # _____
Signature of Post Commander/Chairman _____
Post Address _____
Post Phone () _____

District Chairman

I certify that the entrant named on this form is the duly selected winner of the 2015-2016 V.O.D. Teacher of the Year competition in this District and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District # _____ District Chairman Name _____
District Chairman Address _____
District Chairman Phone () _____
District Chairman Email Address _____
Signature of District Chairman _____