



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Scout-of-the-Year Scholarship Program

The relationship between the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Scouting Programs dates back to 1915. Annually, the VFW recognizes three individuals: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts Gold Award recipients, Venture Silver Award recipients and Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank. The 1st-place winner in this nation-wide program receives a \$5,000 Scholarship, 2nd-place \$3,000, and 3rd-place \$1,000.

Local VFW Posts select one winner from the entries received and submit their winner to their VFW Department (state) by April 1. From there, the Department selects a state-wide winner and forwards the entry to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1 for national-level judging. To find a VFW Post in your area, go to <http://www.vfw.org> and click on FIND A POST at the top of the page.

Who may enter? Applicants must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Have reached his/her 15th birthday and demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
- Be enrolled in high school at the time of selection. Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.

To Enter: Go to: <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship>. Toward the bottom of the site you will find general information about the program. In the HOW TO ENTER paragraph there is a link to **VFW Scouting Scholarship form**. Click on this link and you will open a pdf file containing the *official* VFW Scholarship Application. It is Very Important that applicants read and follow all instructions on these three pages. This will ensure the application is accepted.

The completed VFW Scouting Scholarship form, resume' of high school activities, scouting record, community service record, and letters of recommendation must reach a local VFW Post no later than March 1, 2012. Scouts can enter through only 1 VFW Post.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Joe Leister, VFW Post 91 Scouting Chair in Tacoma. He can be reached at jrleister@harbornet.com.