

VFW - Patriot's Pen - Application Tutorial

1 This is a sample VFW Flyer

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

2024-2025 COMPETITION

**PATRIOT'S PEN AND
VOICE OF
DEMOCRACY**

Post 1234

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<https://scholarsapp.com>

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2 **Access the VFW Scholarship using the ScholarsApp Platform:**

You must take action one of two ways to navigate to the specific VFW Post Patriot's Pen Scholarship you're applying to below.

- Scan the QR code provided in the VFW flyer.
- OR copy the bit.ly link under the QR code provided in the flyer and paste it into your web browser to navigate directly to the specific scholarship page.

(Instruction on how to use the QR code and link at the bottom)

3 QR CODE



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How to use the QR code or the Link

5 How to scan QR Code on your mobile phone.

- **Open the camera app on your phone.**
- **Point at the QR Code**
- **Tap the Notification:**
 - A link will appear on your screen. Tap it to open the webpage.



6 Copy the link provided in the flyer and paste it into your web browser to navigate directly to the specific scholarship page.

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After using the QR code or the link you'll land on the scholarship listing page specific to your Post for Patriot's Pen.

Click the blue "Qualify" button to begin the application process.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

VFW - Patriot's Pen - Test Department - District 1 - Post 1234

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Essay(s) Required

Message Qualify

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Once "Qualify" is selected, you will be prompted to either sign up with a new account or log in to your existing account with Scholar's App.

Scholar's App

Sign up

First name

Last name

Email

I recommend you use a personal email instead of using your School's or Institution's email address. That way we guarantee you receive Scholar's App's email notifications.

Password

I agree to the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy

Continue

Have an account? [Log in](#)
[California Privacy Policy](#)

Bypass Password Login
(Repeat this process every time you want to log in using this bypass.)

Password-Less Login



Tip! When signing up a new account, only step 1 "My profile" are required information. Step 2 (About me) and Step 3 (Academic info) is optional so you do not need to fill Step 2-3 of your onboarding if you do not want to.

9 Qualifying for the Scholarship:

- Verify that you qualify for the scholarship, then click "Submit".

Eligibility: VFW - Patriot's Pen - Test Department - District 1 - Post 1234

Answer questions below to see if you are eligible for this scholarship

[I don't know if I qualify](#)

You must be a student in grades 6, 7, or 8 by the Oct. 31st deadline

I qualify

Nope

You must be enrolled in a public, private, parochial school or home study program in the U.S., its territories or its possessions

I qualify

Nope

You must be a U.S. citizen, a lawful U.S. permanent resident, or have applied for permanent residence

I qualify

Nope


Cancel



Submit

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Once you submit that you qualify for this scholarship, click the bottom right corner highlighted blue with the button "Apply".

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Discard Message  Apply

11 Filling Out the Application Form:

Your web browser will open up another tab with the application available to be filled out.

Complete all required fields marked with red and labelled "Required".

Note that the information in the application form is separate from your profile details.

(All fields marked as required are mandatory in order to submit the application)

STEP 1 OF 1

General

Student Information

First Name Required

Test

M.I. Required

Test

Last Name Required

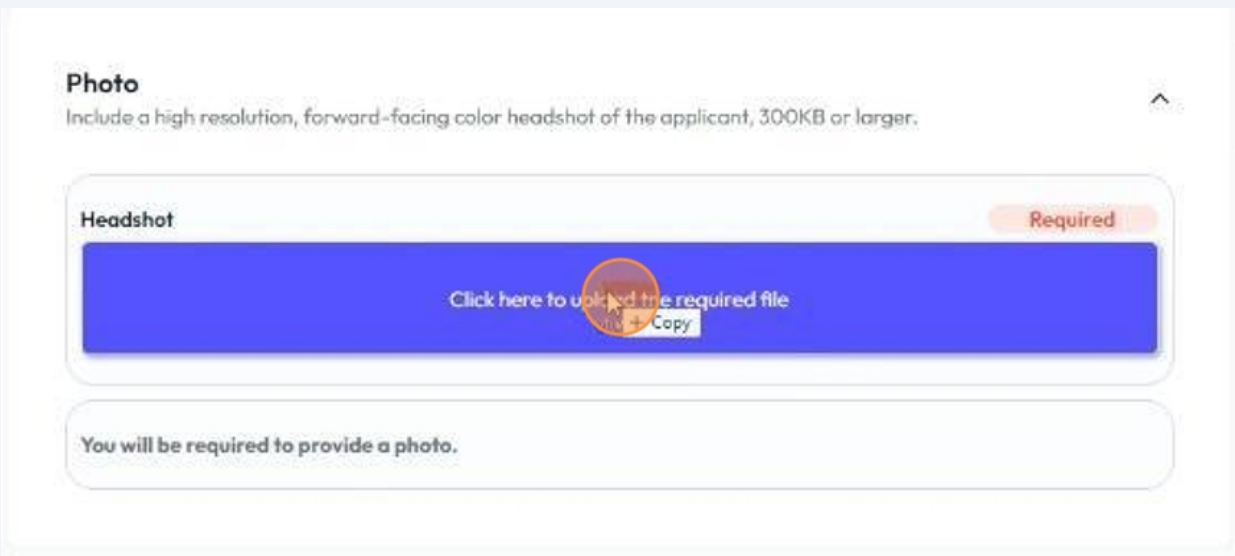
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Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Required

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Upload necessary documents.

In the upload section, applicant can either drag and drop their documents or upload them by clicking the upload field.



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Once all required fields are completed, you can either submit your application or save it if you're not ready to submit yet. You'll still have the option to edit your submission until the deadline.

I did not use ChatGPT or any other AI tool. Required

Yes

Student Signature

Signature of Student Participant (Type Name) Required

victoria test

Date Required

7/10/2024

Parent Signature

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Type Name) Required

victoria parent

Date Required

07/10/2024

Save Button Submit Button

Save Application Submit application

14 Confirmation:

- Once you submit your application, it will update under the tab "applied" on your main page.

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View Application

15 Confirmation of Application:

- You will receive an email confirmation stating that you have applied to the scholarship.

Compose

Inbox 1

Starred

Scholar's App 7:46 AM

Scholar's App | Your Submitted Application Has Be...
Thank you for applying to the VFW - Patriot's Pen - Te... ☆

16 You can also verify your application status on the ScholarsApp search page under the "Applied" section.

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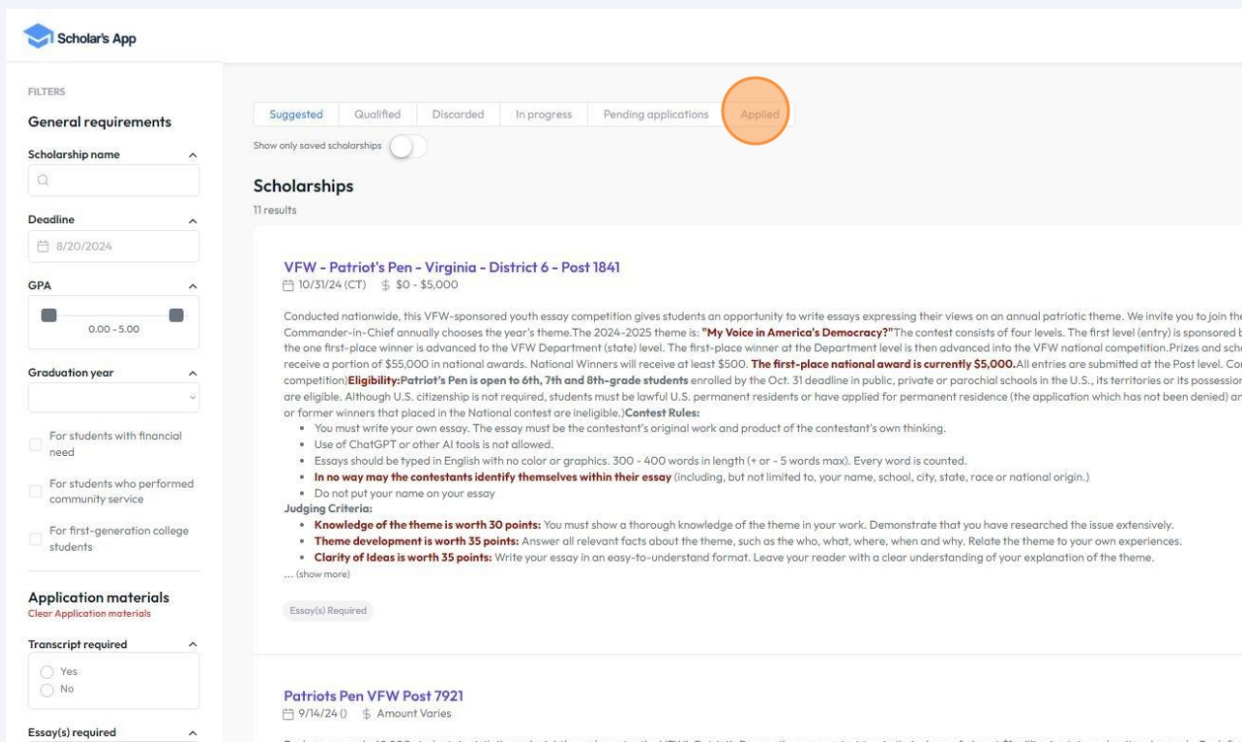
Click the human icon on the top right corner of your screen

In the dropdown click "Search Page"



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Click the "Applied" section.



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In the "Applied" section, you can review and edit the scholarships that you already applied.

The screenshot displays the 'Applied' section of the ScholarsApp platform. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Suggested', 'Qualified', 'Discarded', 'In progress', 'Pending applications', and 'Applied'. Below the navigation bar, the heading 'Scholarships' is followed by '2 results'. The first result is a blurred card. The second result is a card for 'VFW - Patriot's Pen - Test Department - District 1 - Post 1234'. This card includes a calendar icon with the date '10/31/24', a dollar sign icon with the amount '\$0 - \$5,000', and a heart icon. A button labeled 'Essay(s) Required' is located below the scholarship title.

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By following these steps, you can efficiently apply for scholarships using the ScholarsApp platform.