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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