



NATIONAL SCOUTING TEAM
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship Program

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is the largest active group of combat veterans in the nation, and has long been recognized as a staunch supporter of activities within local communities. Some of the VFW's earliest ties to the community involve youth groups. Few of those ties are stronger - and none more lasting - than the close relationship between the VFW and Boy Scouts of America, which dates to 1915.

Each year, the National VFW organization selects three Scouts - from the Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts or Venturing Crew - who have demonstrated practical and outstanding citizenship and achievement in school, in scouting and in the local community. The first-place winner receives a \$5,000 award, the second-place winner receives a \$3,000 award and the third-place winner receives \$1,000.

WHO CAN ENTER:

Scouts who are registered, active members of a Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout Ship and who have received the Eagle Scout Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.

Scouts must be at least 15 years of age to apply, and must have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, scouting and the community.

Scouts must be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

Note: All applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.

HOW TO ENTER:

Scouts should submit the completed VFW Scouting Scholarship form, resume of high school activities, scouting record, community service record and letters of recommendation to a local VFW Post no later than March 1, 2011.

Note: A Scout can enter through ONE VFW Post only.

Application forms are available online by going to the VFW web site, <http://vfw.org/>. Under the "COMMUNITY" heading, click on "Programs", then click on "Scout of the Year".

HOW THE CONTEST WORKS:

Local VFW Posts select one winner from the entries received. Posts then submit their local winner to their respective VFW Department (state) National Scouting Team representative no later than April 1st. The Department's National Scouting Team representative is responsible for selecting a winner from that state, and forwards the entry to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1 for national-level judging no later than May 1st.