



VFW DEPARTMENT OF OHIO 2023-2024 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM

The 2023-2024 Voice of Democracy Theme: *"What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?"*

Who is eligible? Any student in the grades 9-12 enrolled in a public, private, or parochial high school or home study program in the United States. Foreign exchange students, students over the age of 20, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

Students must write, type, and record a 3 to 5-minute essay on an audio CD or USB drive.

Important Dates

- Entries are due to the VFW Post/Auxiliary by October 31, 2023.
- Completion of Post/Auxiliary judging by November 22, 2023.
- Completion of District judging by December 6, 2023.
- District winning entry to Department Chairman **Not Later Than December 12, 2023** to include the following:
 - Official Student Entry Form, signed by student, parent/guardian, home and/or cell phone of parent/guardian and jacket size (**Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large**) **and the District Chairperson.**
 - A copy of the typed essay
 - USB drive. NOTE: It must be a good quality recording. Be sure the student DOES NOT identify themselves or the name of their city, state, school, or national origin within their recording. **Ensure the recording will play back on a standard laptop.**
 - **Photo** – Clear, close-up photo (head and shoulders) – WALLET SIZE

Address: Jerry Constable, Voice of Democracy Chairman
6907 Pegram Way
Dayton, OH 45424

- Completion of Department judging - December 14, 2023
- District Report Form **Not Later Than 31 December 2023** – To include Post AND Auxiliary participation, Number of students Total in the District, Number of students at District judging, post & auxiliary scholarship and other expenses, and District scholarship and expenses.