



## **Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Announces the 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy National Scholarship Winners**

First place winner Erin Stoeckig, from Rochester, Minnesota, represented the VFW Department of Minnesota, and was awarded the \$30,000 T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship.

Second place winner Faith Lea, from Palm Coast, Florida, represented the VFW Department of Florida, and was awarded the \$16,000 Charles Kuralt Memorial Scholarship.

Third place winner Matthew Blair, from Manchester, New Hampshire, represented the VFW Department of New Hampshire, and was awarded the \$10,000 VFW Scholarship.

Fourth place winner Daniel Walker, from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, represented the VFW Department of North Carolina, and was awarded the \$7,000 LeRoy Moorhead Memorial Scholarship.

Fifth place winner Ethan Hsiao, from Las Vegas, Nevada, represented the VFW Department of Nevada, and was awarded the \$6,000 Floyd County VFW Post 3281, New Albany Indiana Scholarship & Mr. and Mrs. John Biedrzycki and 2015 Homecoming Committee Scholarship (Pennsylvania).

Sixth place winner Eli Terry, from Portales, New Mexico, represented the VFW Department of New Mexico, and was awarded the \$5,000 Rehoboth Beach Post 7447 and Auxiliary Dept. of Delaware Scholarship.

Seventh place winner Callaghan Cavanaugh, from Omaha, Nebraska, represented the VFW Department of Nebraska, and was awarded the \$4,000 Department of Indiana and Auxiliary Scholarship & Department of New Jersey Howard E. Vander Clute Scholarship (combined).

Eighth place winner Deymon Fleming Jr., from Stone Mountain, Georgia, represented the VFW Department of Georgia, and was awarded the \$4,000 Department of Minnesota William F. Halsey Memorial.

Ninth place winner Celia Neuzil, from Calmar, Iowa, represented the VFW Department of Iowa, and was awarded the \$3,500 Department of New York and Auxiliary, Rev. Albert G. Salmon Memorial Scholarship.

10th place winner Hannah Black, from Glens Ferry, Idaho, represented the VFW Department of Idaho, and was awarded the \$3,000 Joseph and Irene Hansen Memorial Scholarship (MD).

Claire Kane, from Discovery Bay, California, represented the VFW Department of California, and was awarded the \$2,500 Daniel Sean Wallace Memorial Scholarships (NJ).

Ava Chuppe, from Paducah, Kentucky, represented the VFW Department of Kentucky, and was awarded the \$2,500 Troy and Sandy Rothbart Memorial Scholarship (NY).

Hunter Edson, from Limington, Maine, represented the VFW Department of Maine, and was awarded the \$2,000 Jesse A. Lewis Memorial Scholarship (CA).

Noah Brassuer, from Saginaw, Michigan, represented the VFW Department of Michigan, and was awarded the \$2,000 Silver Spring Memorial Post 2562 Scholarship (MD).

Owen Via, from Pleasant Hill, Ohio, represented the VFW Department of Ohio, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Arizona and Auxiliary Harry A. Kosht Memorial Scholarship.

Julia Hintz, from Emporia, Kansas, represented the VFW Department of Kansas, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of California and Auxiliary Scholarship.

JaneBatson Mason, from Edisto, South Carolina, represented the VFW Department of South Carolina, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Illinois VFW – Ray Soden/George Cramer Scholarship.

Shreya Krishnan, from Colorado Springs, Colorado, represented the VFW Department of Colorado, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Wisconsin Wally Hogan/Tom Tradewell Commanders-in-Chief Scholarship.

Vishal Jammulapati, from Salt Lake City, Utah, represented the VFW Department of Utah, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Kentucky and Auxiliary Brian Duffy and Marion Watson Scholarship.

Michelle Soukup, from Wagner, South Dakota, represented the VFW Department of South Dakota, and was awarded the \$2,000 Francis J. Tallman Memorial Scholarship & Robert A. Stock Memorial Scholarship (NY) (combined).

Jacob Krell, from Tracyton, Washington, represented the VFW Department of Washington, and was awarded the \$2,000 Walter and Doris Marshall Memorial Scholarship (MT) & Southern Conference Scholarship (combined).

Sophia Wright, from Hot Springs, Arkansas, represented the VFW Department of Arkansas, and was awarded the \$2,000 Mr. and Mrs. James H. Black Scholarship (NC) & Jane Young Memorial Scholarship (OH) (combined).

Noelle McDowell, from Annapolis, Maryland, represented the VFW Department of Maryland, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Alabama Scholarship & Department of Georgia James H. “Sloppy” Floyd Memorial Scholarship (combined).

Jackson Balch, from Hartland, Vermont, represented the VFW Department of Vermont, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Georgia R.D. "Bulldog" Smith, Jr. Scholarship & Department of Ohio Chester J. Koch Memorial Scholarship (combined).

Logan Kern, from Prairieville, Louisiana, represented the VFW Department of Louisiana, and was awarded the \$2,000 Department of Connecticut and Auxiliary Scholarship & Stephen and Elsie Riordan Memorial Scholarship (NJ) (combined).

Kinley Anderson, from Ten Sleep, Wyoming, represented the VFW Department of Wyoming, and was awarded the \$2,000 Larry W. Rivers Scholarship (LA) & Department of Illinois Scott Post 4183 Scholarship (combined).

Peter Sumner, from St. Louis, Missouri, represented the VFW Department of Missouri, and was awarded the \$2,000 All American Post 284 Scholarship (D.C.) & Bernard J. Michels, Post 9610 and Auxiliary Scholarship (combined).

Briana Miranda, from Ansbach, Germany, represented the VFW Department of Europe, and was awarded the \$2,000 Juanita Crowe-Durbino, Department of Tennessee Scholarship & Ervin and Lorraine Rothenbuhler Scholarship (MD) (combined).

Augustina Decker, from The Dalles, Oregon, represented the VFW Department of Oregon, and was awarded the \$2,000 Fridley VFW Post 363 and Auxiliary Scholarship (MN) & Department of Michigan and Auxiliary Scholarship (combined).

Madison-Mae Wilder, from Pulaski, New York, represented the VFW Department of New York, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of New Hampshire Scholarship.

Dorothy McCormick, from Millsboro, Delaware, represented the VFW Department of Delaware, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Illinois and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Julia Mehl, from Douglasville, Pennsylvania, represented the VFW Department of Pennsylvania, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Missouri and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Salome Montague, from Birmingham, Alabama, represented the VFW Department of Alabama, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of New Mexico and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Jacqueline Halldorsson, from San Antonio, Texas, represented the VFW Department of Texas, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Massachusetts Edward A. Nardi Scholarship.

Sophia Schwartzrock, from Mt. Morris, Illinois, represented the VFW Department of Illinois, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Colorado and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Hope Frost, from Suffolk, Virginia, represented the VFW Department of Virginia, and was awarded the \$1,500 Department of Arkansas and Auxiliary Les Thone Memorial Scholarship.

Emma Ball, from Yokota Air Force Base, Pacific, represented the VFW Department of Pacific, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Nevada and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Campbell Gladski, from Westerly, Rhode Island, represented the VFW Department of Rhode Island, and was awarded the \$1,000 Ray Sisk Memorial Scholarship (CA).

Alaynee Hawley, from Harlem, Montana, represented the VFW Department of Montana, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Pennsylvania Joseph L. Vicites Memorial Scholarship.

Chloe Ngo, from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, represented the VFW Department of Oklahoma, and was awarded the \$1,000 Roy Chandler VFW Post 762 and Auxiliary Scholarship (ND).

Victoria Medl, from Lincroft, New Jersey, represented the VFW Department of New Jersey, and was awarded the \$1,000 Arthur W. Jones VFW Post 7564 and Auxiliary Scholarship (ND).

Emily Tom, from Honolulu, Hawaii, represented the VFW Department of Hawaii, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Idaho and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Auden Cress, from Anchor Point, Alaska, represented the VFW Department of Alaska, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Mississippi VFW and Auxiliary Bernard McClelland Memorial Scholarship.

Joshua Gradwell, from Tucson, Arizona, represented the VFW Department of Arizona, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Maine Scholarship "to Remember the U.S.S. Maine".

Kevin Gu, from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, represented the VFW Department of Massachusetts, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Kansas and Auxiliary Robert R. Whipple Memorial Scholarship.

Sophia Raines, from Crab Orchard, West Virginia, represented the VFW Department of West Virginia, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Hawaii and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Hannah Vaagen, from Devils Lake, North Dakota, represented the VFW Department of North Dakota, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Wyoming and Auxiliary Scholarship.

Isabella Hinkle, from Suffield, Connecticut, represented the VFW Department of Connecticut, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Florida John M. "Jack" Carney Scholarship.

Laura Johnson, from Fulton, Mississippi, represented the VFW Department of Mississippi, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Mississippi Toxie K. Stapleton Post 6473 Luther J. Cox Memorial Scholarship.

Jonathan Lovings, from Greenbrier, Tennessee, represented the VFW Department of Tennessee, and was awarded the \$1,000 Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Eubank and 2010-2011 Department Commanders Scholarship (CA).

Sophia Lally, from Suring, Wisconsin, represented the VFW Department of Wisconsin, and was awarded the \$1,000 Gilbert N. Nelson - Post 1326 and their Auxiliary - Bismarck, North Dakota Scholarship.

Pooja Verma, from La Porte, Indiana, represented the VFW Department of Indiana, and was awarded the \$1,000 Department of Tennessee Cooper T. Holt - John Furgess Scholarship.