



2024 Official Entry Form

VFW Post 4712 Walter Paciga Scholarship.

A scholarship for graduating Seniors, who complete a themed essay

Must Be Completed by All Contestants; Please Print

Name: _____ Address: _____ City _____

State _____, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ School Name: _____,

City: _____, State: _____

Teacher's name: _____ and Email: _____

Date of Birth _____.

What are your plans after high school.

What school or schools do you plan on attending.

To Major in. _____

What have you done to assist in any Veterans programs and or VFW programs.

Current GPA. _____

Next of Kin who are Veterans?

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian (Required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: _____

Essay Rules

- You must write your own essay.
- All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics. 300 - 400 words in length (+ or - 5-word max). Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.
- Do not put your name on the essay. The entry form is your essays cover sheet. Secure the Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay, followed by your recommendation letters, transcripts, acceptance letter etc.
- The essay must be contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. The approach to the theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestants. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally.

Please submit a personal resume that includes High School transcript, letters of recommendation, any certificates of appreciation or commendation you have received and a copy of a letter of acceptance to college or other higher levels of education. Items especially helpful for the committee and should be included in this packet are letters from High School Principals, Guidance Counselors, Teachers, Church Pastors, Civic Leaders etc.

How Am I Judged?

Knowledge of the theme. In your own words.

Theme development. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas. Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme. Spelling and grammar do count.

The Theme for the 2024 Walter Paciga School Scholarship is:

“How have Veterans made an impact on my life”

All entries will be judged by the members of Post 4712 in Simpson, PA. They will be ranked from 1st place onward. All winners will be awarded their monetary award and certificate on Class night 2024.

Deadline for submission of your essay is May 1st 2024.

Please submit this form attached to your essay and recommendation letters to the Guidance Office.

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