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Dear Educator,

Will you help us provide nearly \$3.2 million in scholarships and incentives to high school and junior high students across the nation this year?

We're the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). We provide these opportunities every year, but we need your help to get the message out by placing copies of the enclosed brochures in the hands of your students and fellow educators.

- **Voice of Democracy Audio Essay** - Brochure includes an entry form and instructions for all students in grades 9-12. Now in its 63rd year, more than \$2.5 million in scholarships and incentives are given in this program alone, plus our state winners receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. **2010 - 2011 Theme: "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?" Deadline - November 1, 2010.**
- **Patriots Pen Essay Contest** - For grades 6-8, we offer nearly \$1.2 million in U.S. Savings bonds in our Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. The enclosed brochure includes all instructions and an entry form. **2010 - 2011 Theme: "Does Patriotism Still Matter?" Deadline - November 1, 2010.**

Please assist us by sharing these exceptional opportunities with your students and other teachers. Additional copies and more detailed information are available at our website - [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under "Programs"/"VFW Scholarship Programs." If you are receiving this information for the first time, we invite you to enter your contact information in our teacher's database and we will send new information each year in the early spring. Visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under "Programs" then "VFW Scholarship Programs" then click on "Teachers Scholarship Brochure Request" to enter your mailing address.

Thank you for taking time to review these materials. If I can answer any questions, please e-mail me at [svanbuskirk@vfw.org](mailto:svanbuskirk@vfw.org) or call me at 816-968-1116.

Patriotically yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Van Buskirk".

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Enclosures (2)

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