**Scholarships for Class of 2022**

* **Voice of Democracy**

The VFW established the Voice of Democracy program (VOD) in 1947 to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regards to democratic ideas and principles. Applicants must write an essay answering the prompt and then record their reading of the draft to an audio CD or flash drive. The recording can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes (plus or minus five seconds). Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. The national first-place winner receives a $30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

* **Create real impact**

Time to get creative and speak out about the #1 killer of young people! Create Real Impact Contest calls on students, ages 14 - 22, enrolled in accredited high schools, trade schools, colleges, or universities, to showcase their solutions and strategies to stop the #1 killer of young people–reckless and distracted driving. Students submit one entry into one of the four categories: creative writing, video, graphic design, or music. There is also an additional category: The Spanish Language Award. We have individual grand-prize winners in each category and four prizes that go to the entrants with the most online votes. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.  <https://createrealimpact.com> Deadline November 12, 2020

* **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**  **$5,000  November 15, 2020**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States’ largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program honors high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state and national level. Applicants must be high school students who are U.S. citizens or legal residents of any state, have engaged in volunteer activity that occurred 12 months prior to the application, and submit a completed application to their school or head of an official designated local group. Applicants will compete at the local, state and national level. For more information or to apply, <https://spirit.prudential.com/apply/2021> Deadline November 12, 2020

**THE JAMES ALAN COX FOUNDATION FOR STUDENT PHOTOJOURNALISTS**

* Five (5) Digital SLR Cameras will be awarded to five (5) high school students. **(High school applicants should only submit still photographs. The video awards are for college and graduate students only.)**

Apply at: <https://www.jamesalancoxfoundation.org/apply/> Deadline is November 15, 2020

* **Teen Changemakers Essay Contest**

Each year we host an essay contest for teenagers where we ask them to do research on a particular topic and then perform a specific activity to foster mental health awareness in their communities.

Topic

**We All Have Mental Health… How Can Students’ Mental Health Be Supported Virtually?**

Connect with your peers virtually to understand what is needed to support their mental health during this time. Create a virtual mental health campaign or program, including how you would implement it, by working with your school staff such as, principal, counseling office, and teacher(s).

Apply at: <https://ibpf.org/learn/programs/high-school-essay-contest/>  Opens November1st.

* **FRA (Fleet Reserve Association) Americanism Essay Contest**

FRA sponsors an annual essay contest to promote the spirit of Americanism and patriotism among our country's youth. FRA's Americanism Essay Contest is open to all students, grades 7 through 12, including those who are home-schooled. Students are invited to submit a 350-word essay through an FRA member or local FRA branch. The grand national winner will receive $5,000, with additional prizes for the top three essays in each grade category ($2,500 for first place, $1,500 for second place, and $1,000 for third place). For more information or to apply:

<https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/7_12th_Grade_Essay_Contest/Web/Content/Essay_Contest.aspx?hkey=707c4b42-2eb8-4992-9d57-31b8bd14c68a>

Deadline: December 1, 2020

* **The Wyland Foundation Art Challenge**

Every year, the Wyland National Art Challenge encourages thousands of students across the nation to think about the many conservation issues we face around the world and interpret them through art. Students can choose to work collaboratively on mural projects or create individual works of art and earn a chance to win classroom prizes and scholarships. The high school junior or senior whose artwork best expresses the conservation theme will receive a scholarship to be applied toward an accredited four-year school or university. For more information or to apply:

<https://wylandfoundation.org/programs/wyland-national-art-challenge/>

* **Pilot Pen G2 Overachievers Student Grant**

Pilot Pen is introducing the G2 Overachievers Student Grant designed to reward and celebrate one exceptional young scholar (aged 13 to 19, in middle school or high school) who is making a difference in others’ lives outside of the classroom. Send a handwritten story describing what you did to be a difference maker. Share where it happened, how it worked, who it impacted and why it mattered. There’s a 2500 word maximum for each entry and you can submit them by uploading to our entry page or via mail. For more information or to apply, please visit: <https://powertothepen.com/apply/>

* **Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Program**

The Foot Locker Foundation awards 20 incoming college freshmen with $20,000 in scholarship funding through the Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Program. In order to be eligible for the Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program, the applicant must be a current high school senior entering a four-year, accredited US college or university in the upcoming Fall, be currently a member (in good standing) of a high school sports team or be involved in after-school sports (e.g. intramurals, martial arts, etc.), have maintained an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher from ninth grade to first semester of 12th grade, and be a U.S. citizen or US Permanent Legal Resident. For more information or to apply, please visit: <https://footlockerscholarathletes.squarespace.com/>