



## Veterans Day Resources

Monday, November 11, 2019

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[Read Write Think](#) provides a lesson plan resource in which students can work with similes while exploring war-time poetry.

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*What do you believe are some of the important elements of a Veterans Day speech? Who would be a good candidate to make such a speech and why?*

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## Scholarship Opportunities

**Patriot's Pen** is an essay contest for students in grades 6-8. The deadline for entry is October 31, 2019. Winners compete at the national level for U.S. Savings Bonds. For information, visit <http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/>.

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*Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, was first established to honor the end of World War I in 1918. In what ways have the experiences of veterans in the United States changed and stayed the same over the last one hundred years?*

## Classroom Resources and Supports

The [Vote in Honor of a Veteran](#) program with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office provides Colorado citizens with a visible tribute to those who so proudly serve and who have served this country in United States Military Service. This program recognizes their efforts to keep our democracy strong and to ensure that we may continue to cast a ballot each election day. This election, Vote in Honor of a Veteran by wearing a personalized button declaring your appreciation for the specific contributions of a particular U.S. Service Member or Veteran.

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The **Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)** provides scholarships and grants to children of military personnel seeking their undergraduate degree. The online application is available in early November and information on the different programs may be found at [www.moaa.org/education](http://www.moaa.org/education).

**The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Youth Volunteer Scholarship** – The Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship – encourages young people to get involved in volunteer work to assist disabled Veterans. This program recognizes young volunteers who are active participants in the VA Voluntary Service program. Volunteers age 21 or younger, volunteering a minimum of 100 hours at a VA medical center during the previous calendar year, are eligible. Scholarships can be used at any accredited institution of higher learning; to include universities, colleges, community colleges, vocational schools, etc. Scholarships must be utilized in full prior to the recipient attaining the age of 25. Immediate family members of the DAV national organization are eligible to receive a scholarship. Nominations for this award can be submitted by the Voluntary Service program manager at the VA medical center. For additional information, please visit [www.dav.org/](http://www.dav.org/).

The **Veterans of Foreign Wars** Scout of the Year Scholarship program provides a \$5,000 award to an outstanding scout who is the recipient of a Boy Scout Eagle Award, a Venture Scouting Silver Award or a Sea Scout Quartermaster Award. Second-place winner receives a \$3,000 award. Third-place winner receives \$1,000. Complete information and entry forms can be accessed at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) by clicking on the community tab. Applicants must submit their entry to their local VFW Post by October 31.

The **Fleet Reserve Association (FRA)** supports America's future leaders by awarding more than \$100,000 annually in scholarships to deserving students. Awardees are selected based on financial need, academic standing, character and leadership qualities. FRA scholarships are awarded to FRA members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. For information, visit [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) and click on "Events and Programs" for the scholarships link.

The **Blinded Veterans Association (BVA)** offers the Kathryn F. Gruber Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available for spouses or dependent children of blinded Veterans. For information, visit [www.bva.org](http://www.bva.org) and click on "programs."

The **Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc.** offers a scholarship for members in good standing for at least one year. It is available for a member's spouse or their linear descendants, to include adopted children, stepchildren, foster children and their immediate descendants. The applicant must be enrolled or accepted to a program of any post-secondary education. Information is available by calling 1-800-843-8626.

The **LaVerne Noyes Scholarship** is awarded on an annual basis to direct blood descendants of Veterans who served in the U.S. Army, Navy or Marine Corps in World War I and whose service was terminated by death or honorable discharge. The Veteran must have fulfilled at least one of the following criteria: (a) Served on active duty overseas between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918; (b) Died in service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918; and (c) Served at least 6 months on noncombat duty between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918. A scholarship recipient must be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking undergraduate program. This scholarship is awarded on an annual basis. The dollar amount of the scholarship will be determined by the total number of eligible recipients and the funds available from the endowment each year. Please contact your university's tuition assistance office for information.

The **Voice of Democracy** is an audio-essay contest for students in grades 9-12. Students are required to write and record a script on a patriotic theme. The 2019-20 theme is: "What makes America Great." The essay, entry form and cassette or CD must be submitted to a local VFW Post. A total of more than \$3 million in scholarships and incentives are given each year. The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. Deadline for entries is October 31, 2019. For additional information, visit <https://www.vfw.org/VOD/>