



AMVETS National Ladies *Auxiliary*

*"We waited together...
Now let's work together..."*

April 2023

Department Auxiliaries,

At the Spring 2023 NEC meeting it was approved to reserve 2022-2023 donations made to Freedoms Foundation to send additional students to the Annual Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference held in November. The cost of this conference, including travel is valued at \$1000 a student. These students will be sent in addition to the 9th grade Americanism Essay contest winner, sponsored by the AMVETS National Service Foundation.

We are asking that Departments submit names of eligible students to be selected through a lottery to attend the conference. Students should be attending either their 10th or 11th grade of high school in the Fall of 2023. Ideally students would be submitted by Departments for either outstanding work within their community or from applications for the AMVETS Americanism Essay contest who were not selected as the 2023 9th grade winner. The number of students selected will be dependent on the amount donated for the 2022-2023 year. If more funds are donated than student submissions that money will be rolled over and applied to additional students to attend the 2024 youth conference.

I am asking that names be submitted to me by July 31st or brought to me at National Convention. At the bottom of this letter you will find a printable submission form to enter in student information for the lottery.

Respectfully,

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Student Recommendations for Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference

Students Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

DOB _____

Parent/ Guardian Name _____

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