

**2023-2024 VFW PROGRAM DEADLINES  
POSTS – DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL**

**OCTOBER 2023**

Patriot's Pen and VOD Student Entries to Post..... \* October 31  
Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Entries to Post ..... \* October 31

**NOVEMBER 2023**

Patriot's Pen and VOD Post Judging Completed ..... November 15  
Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Post Judging Completed ..... November 15

**DECEMBER 2023**

Patriot's Pen and VOD District Judging Completed ..... December 15  
Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award District Judging Completed..... December 15

**JANUARY 2024**

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award District Winners to Department Chairman..... January 1  
Public Servant National Award (EMT, Law, Firefighter) Nominations from Post to Department..... January 1  
Patriot's Pen and VOD Award Judging Completed..... January 10  
Patriot's Pen and VOD District Participation Reports to Department Chairman ..... January 15  
Patriot's Pen and VOD Department Winners to National ..... \* January 15  
Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Winners to Department HQ's..... \* January 20  
Patriot's Pen and VOD Department Reports to National..... \* January 31

**FEBRUARY 2024**

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Department Winners to National ..... \* February 1  
Public Servant National Award (EMT, Law, Firefighters) Nominations from Dept to National ..... February 1

**MARCH 2024**

Scout of the Year Entries to Post..... \* March 1

**APRIL 2024**

Scout of the Year Post Entries to Department Scouting Chairman..... April 1  
National Certificate of Recognition to National ..... April 1  
National Outstanding Community Service Post Record Books from Post to Department ..... \* April 15  
Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission(s) from Post to Department ..... \* April 15  
National Outstanding Community Service Post Record Books from Department to National ..... \* April 30  
Department Community Service Report to National..... \* April 30  
Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission(s) from Department to National ..... \* April 30  
Veterans and Military Support Programs Donations (to guarantee citations by Dept Convention)..... \* April 30

**MAY 2024**

Scout of the Year Department Winner to National ..... \* May 1

**\* REQUIRED DEADLINE BY VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**