

# VFW Congratulates Nation's Top Scouts

## VFW Departments award more than 40 student scouts with awards

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to announce the selection of the top state winners of its 2020 - 2021 Scout of the Year scholarship competition.

Enacted in 2001, the Scout of the Year competition was designed to reward eligible members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venturing Crew or Sea Scouts who have risen above their peers in exemplifying standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country with various levels of scholarships and awards.

The 2021 VFW Scout of the Year awardees are:

- Bennett Reetz - Gulf Shores, Alabama
- Adam Stewart - Phoenix, Arizona
- Ben Floriani IV - Little Rock, Arkansas
- Doriennne Larbig - Santa Barbara, California
- Charlotte Beatson - Littleton, Colorado
- Jacob O'Reilly - Middletown, Connecticut
- Edward Cierniak - Middletown, Delaware
- Alexander Holton - APO, Europe
- Kaial Hajik - Panama City, Florida
- Jacob Lewis - Kingsland, Georgia
- Rawlin Delos Godfrey - Eden, Idaho
- Kayla Austin - Bolingbrook, Illinois
- Mason Coffey - Shelbyville, Indiana
- Britt Bowersox - Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Lucia Barberena - Ocean Springs, Mississippi
- Rollin Jackson Jr. - O'Fallon, Missouri
- Andrew Schmitz - Papillion, Nebraska
- Priyasha Landry - Reno, Nevada
- Jack Robinson - Hollis, New Hampshire
- Ainsley Martin - Rio Rancho, New Mexico
- Cameron Woodard - Fort Edward, New York
- Jonathan Durham - Clayton, North Carolina
- Caaden Rath - Kindred, North Dakota
- Matthew Mendak - Amherst, Ohio
- Nathaniel Frazier - Owasso, Oklahoma
- Riley Carpenter - FPO, Pacific Areas
- Christopher Adam - Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
- Sean Dennehy - North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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- John Moore - Ness City, Kansas
- Emily Reed - Frankfort, Kentucky
- Nathaniel Hill - Sulphur, Louisiana
- Jarrett Richard - Berwick, Maine
- Sara Chapple - Cordova, Maryland
- Molly Joyce - Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Tyler Duskocz - Northville, Michigan
- David Schindler - Apple Valley, Minnesota
- Phillip Perea - Aiken, South Carolina
- Bradley Moore - Maryville, Tennessee
- Kyna McGill - Katy, Texas
- Landon Gumucio - Grantsville, Utah
- James Ye - Great Falls, Virginia
- Jonathan Scott - Port Angeles, Washington
- Philip Lyons - Ravenswood, West Virginia
- Everette Poth - Plymouth, Wisconsin

“In addition to teaching our youth vital life and survival skills, scouting programs help develop America’s youth into the well-rounded, strong leaders that our country’s future needs. The VFW is proud of all that these students have achieved and accomplished, and we’re honored to recognize them through our 2021 Scout of the Year program,” said VFW National Commander Hal Roesch.

Read more about [the VFW’s Scout of the Year program](#).