



Role Guide for Reviewers

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy

Scholars App Reviewer Instructions with Step-By-Step Walkthrough

Congratulations and thank you for participating in the very important process of funding education through scholarships and grants!
As a Reviewer you will be judging the applications and assigning scores.

This Role Guide for Reviewers will cover:

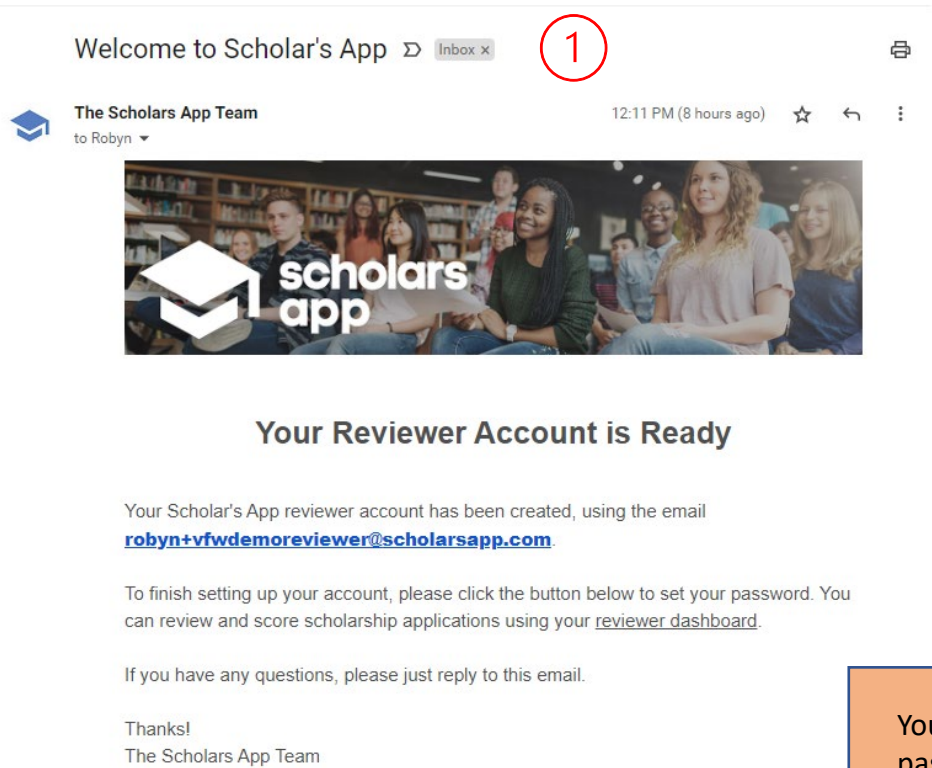
- Creating your password
- Sign into Scholar's App
- Reviewer Dashboard navigation
- Review and scoring process

Need help? Email us at
hellovfw@scholarsapp.com

CONFIRMING YOUR ACCOUNT AND CREATING YOUR PASSWORD

Step 1. Look for your Welcome email from the Scholars App Team.
(check your spam and quarantine boxes also)

Step 2. Click Set Password button



Step 3. Enter your new password
Step 4. Confirm your password
Step 5. Click Submit

Welcome to Scholar's App
Please choose a password for
robyn+vfwdemoreviewer@scholarsapp.com:

Password

Confirm Password

Your email is your Login ID

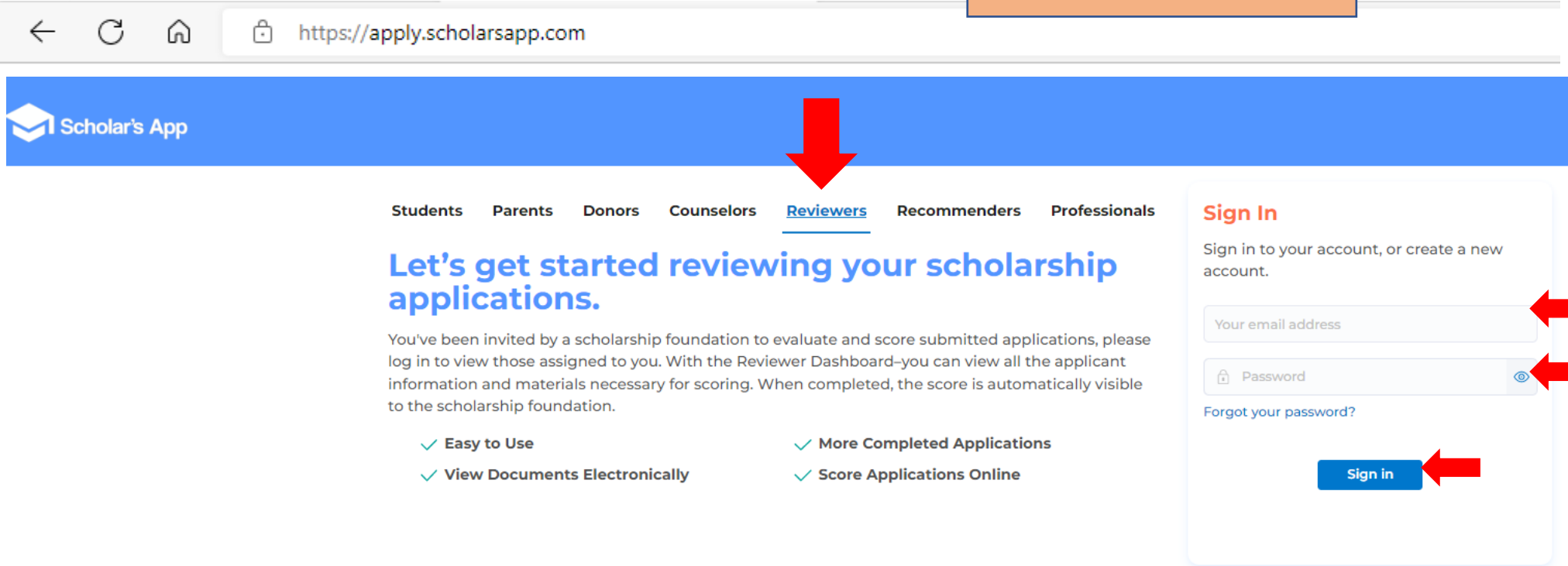
You have 4 days to set your password. Email hello@scholarsapp.com if you need a reset password link

Sign into your Reviewer Account on Scholar's App

To sign in go to <https://apply.scholarsapp.com/> then click on Reviewers (located at the top center of screen)

- Enter your email address and password
- Click the Sign In button



If you are both a Chairman and a Reviewer, be sure to use the +R version of your email to Sign In



REVIEWER LANDING PAGE

- Select the Scholarship that you have been assigned by clicking on the Scholarship name

The screenshot shows the 'Scholar's App' interface. At the top left is the logo and name 'Scholar's App'. At the top right, the user is identified as 'Robyn (Test Reviewer 1) Nomura' with a dropdown arrow. Below this is a 'Scholarships' button. The main content area contains the text: 'All scholarships for your organization. Click on the scholarship name to view the Applicant Reports.' Below this is a search bar labeled 'Scholarship Name'. A table lists two scholarships, both with 0 submitted applications and 0 qualified applicants. Red arrows point to the scholarship names in the table. A yellow callout box with a pointer to the 'Submitted Applications' and 'Qualified Applicants' columns contains the text: 'This section will always be 0'.

Scholarship	Submitted Applications	Qualified Applicants	Deadline
 Scholars App Test Scholarship - Voice of Democracy Scholar's App Testing	0	0	10/21/2022, 11:59:59 PM (Expired)
 Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen Scholar's App Testing	0	0	10/21/2022, 11:59:59 PM (Expired)

This section will always be 0

REVIEWER DASHBOARD

- Applicants that have been assigned to you will be listed on your Reviewer Dashboard

1. For Review in Round 1 Folder – Shows the number of applications assigned to you
2. Reviewed in Round 1 Folder – Shows the number of applications you have reviewed
3. Reviewed in Previous Rounds – Shows the number of Reviews you have completed in multiple cycle rounds
4. Links to the Application forms – Click on an Applicant Name / Number to begin your Review

The screenshot shows the Scholar's App interface. At the top left is the 'Scholar's App' logo. At the top right, the user is identified as 'Robyn (Test Reviewer 1) Nomura'. A 'Scholarships' button is visible in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'Scholarships / Scholars App Test Sc... / Applications' and 'Applicant Report'. The primary heading is 'Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen'. Below this, there are three summary cards: 1. 'For Review in Round 1' with a folder icon and the number 3, circled in red with a '1'. 2. 'Reviewed in Round 1' with a folder icon and a checkmark, circled in red with a '2'. Below this card, it says 'Round 1 out of 1 is in progress.' 3. 'Reviewed in Previous Rounds' with a folder icon and the number 0, circled in red with a '3'. A yellow speech bubble points to a search bar with the text 'You can use the Search for application feature if you want to look at a specific applicant'. Below the summary cards is a search bar labeled 'Search for application'. At the bottom is a table with columns 'Applicant', 'Documents', and 'Submitted'. The table lists three applications: 'Application 276343', 'Application 276347', and 'Application 276351', all with a submission date of '10/12/22'. A total row shows '3 total'. A red circle with the number '4' is placed to the left of the table.

Applicant	Documents	Submitted
Application 276343		10/12/22
Application 276347		10/12/22
Application 276351		10/12/22
3 total		

Review Panel (score sheet)

- 1. Click Show Review Panel Button

Scholar's App Robyn (Test Reviewer 1) Nomura

Scholarships

Application to Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen

Application 276343

Candidate

Reviews


Review not yet provided in this round.

General

First Name	Last Name
M.I.	Date of Birth
Phone Number	Age
Email	
Current Address	

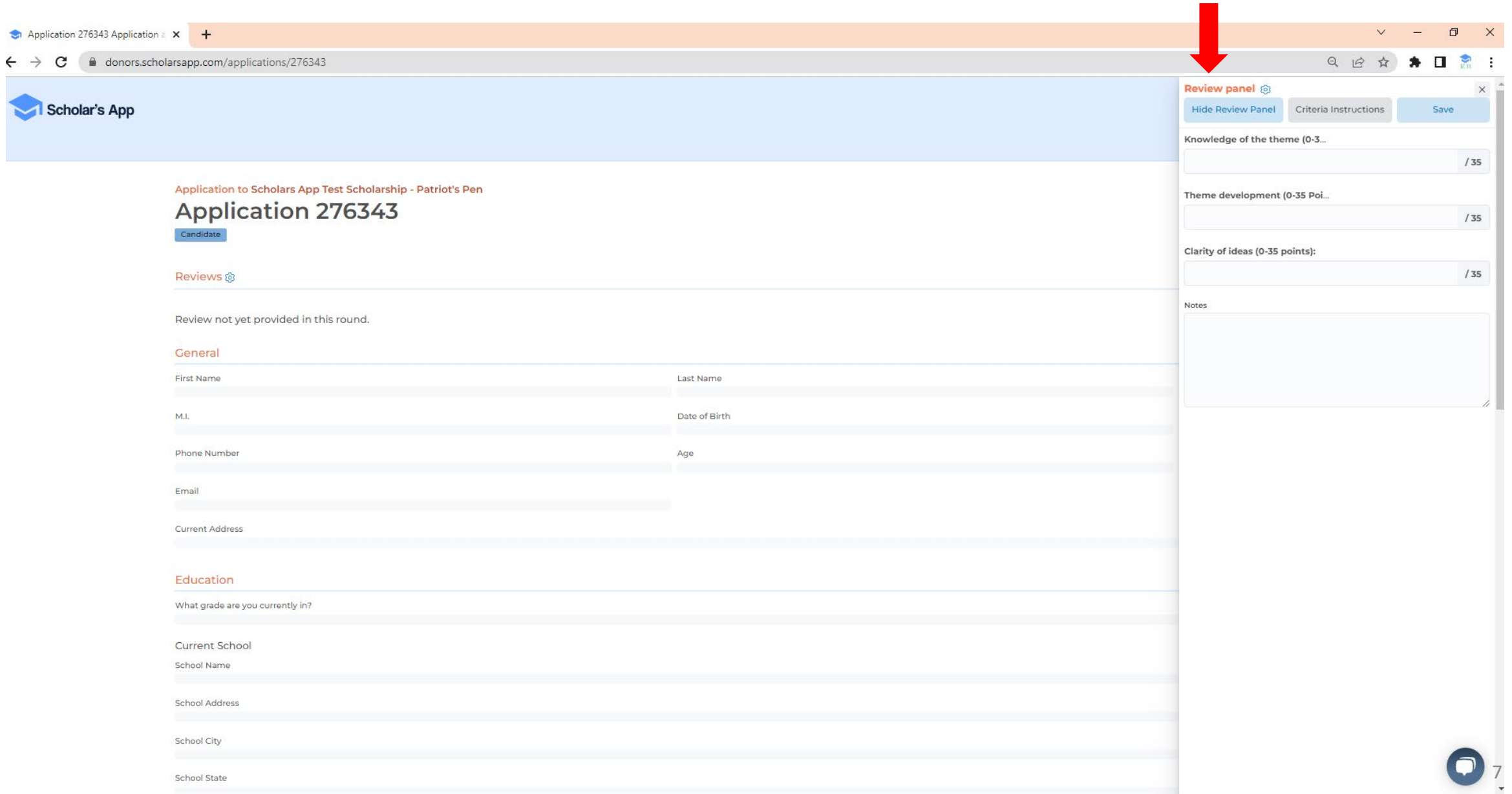
Education

Applicant information is hidden per VFW Guidelines


[Show Review Panel](#)

Review Panel

The Review Panel will appear on the right side of your screen



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `donors.scholarsapp.com/applications/276343`. The main content area displays the application details for "Application 276343" under the heading "Application to Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen". The "Reviews" section indicates that no reviews have been provided. Below this, the "General" section contains form fields for personal information: First Name, Last Name, M.I., Date of Birth, Phone Number, Age, Email, and Current Address. The "Education" section includes fields for "What grade are you currently in?", "Current School", "School Name", "School Address", "School City", and "School State".

On the right side, the "Review panel" is visible, featuring a "Hide Review Panel" button, "Criteria Instructions", and a "Save" button. The panel includes three scoring sections: "Knowledge of the theme (0-3...)" with a score of / 35, "Theme development (0-35 Poi..." with a score of / 35, and "Clarity of ideas (0-35 points):" with a score of / 35. A "Notes" section is also present at the bottom of the panel. A red arrow points to the top of the Review panel.

1. Click Criteria Instructions
2. The Criteria Instructions file will appear on the bottom left of your computer screen
3. Click on the file to open it

The screenshot displays the Scholar's App interface. On the left, a 'Review panel' is open, featuring a 'Criteria Instructions' button highlighted with a red arrow and the number '1'. The panel includes sections for 'Knowledge of the theme (0-35 points)', 'Theme development (0-35 Points)', 'Clarity of ideas (0-35 points)', and 'Notes'. The main area shows the 'Application to Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen' for 'Application 276343'. Below this, there is a 'Reviews' section with a message: 'Review not yet provided in this round.' The 'General' section contains fields for First Name, Last Name, M.I., Date of Birth, Phone Number, Age, Email, and Current Address. The 'Education' section includes a question 'What grade are you currently in?' and fields for Current School Name, School Address, School City, and School State. In the bottom left corner, a red arrow labeled '2' points to a PDF file named 'vfw - pp - review c...pdf'.

Criteria Instructions will open on a separate tab on your computer screen. The Criteria Instructions document provides guidance for the judges. You can leave this tab open for reference or print it out.

These are the Scoring Criteria for Patriot's Pen



The screenshot shows a PDF viewer window with the following content:

PATRIOT'S PEN - SCORING CRITERIA
2022-2023 Program Year

Essay Topic: My Pledge To Our Veterans

Criteria: 0 to 30 points	Judging Consideration
Knowledge of the Theme: 0 to 30 points	Shows thorough knowledge of the theme and demonstrates that the issue was researched extensively.
Theme Development: 0 to 35 points	Answers relevant facts about the theme such as - who, what, where, when and why. Relates to the writer's own experience
Clarity of Ideas: 0 to 35 points	Provides a clear explanation of the writer's interpretation of the theme in an easy-to-understand format.

Click the Application tab to go back to your Reviewer judging screen



Application 276343 Application x vfw - pp - review criteria - draft x +

donors.scholarsapp.com/applications/276343

Scholar's App

Application to Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen

Application 276343

Candidate

Reviews

Review not yet provided in this round.

General

First Name Last Name

M.I. Date of Birth

Phone Number Age

Email

Current Address

Education

What grade are you currently in?

Current School

Review panel

Hide Review Panel Criteria Instructions Save

Knowledge of the theme (0-3... / 35

Theme development (0-35 Poi... / 35

Clarity of ideas (0-35 points): / 35

Notes

Starting the Reviews – Patriot’s Pen

Go to Slide 22 for Voice of Democracy audio instructions

The screenshot shows the Scholar's App interface. At the top, there are browser tabs and a URL bar. The main header includes the Scholar's App logo and the application title 'Application to Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen' and 'Application 276343'. Below the title, there is a 'Candidate' button and a 'Reviews' section with a gear icon. The text 'Review not yet provided in this round.' is displayed. On the right, a 'Review panel' is open, showing three criteria: 'Knowledge of the theme (0-3...)' with a score of /35, 'Theme development (0-35 Poi...)' with a score of /35, and 'Clarity of ideas (0-35 points):' with a score of /35. There is also a 'Notes' section.

- 1. Scroll Down to the Essay Section (it's near the bottom on the page)
- 1. Click on the Download button to view the submitted Essay

The screenshot shows the 'Parent/Guardian Contact Information' section with fields for Name, Phone, Email, and Date. Below that is the 'Essay' section, which includes instructions: 'You must write your own essay. All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (+ or - 5 words max). Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count. The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's.' It also shows 'Essay Word Count' as 300 and three checkboxes for originality and name usage, all of which are checked. At the bottom of the essay section, there is a 'sample pdf upload 2.pdf' file and a 'Download' button, which is highlighted by a red arrow.

- The essay file will appear at the bottom left-hand corner of your screen
- Click the button to open the file and read the Essay.
 - It will open on a separate tab on your computer

Essay

You must write your own essay.

All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (+ or - 5 words max). Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.

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Essay Word Count
300

I have not identified myself within the essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.)
yes

I did not put my name on the essay.
yes

In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.) Do not put your name on your essay.

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[Download](#)

Certification

I have read and understand the Contest Rules. I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible. I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

yes



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Application 276343 Application x Sample PDF Upload 2 x +

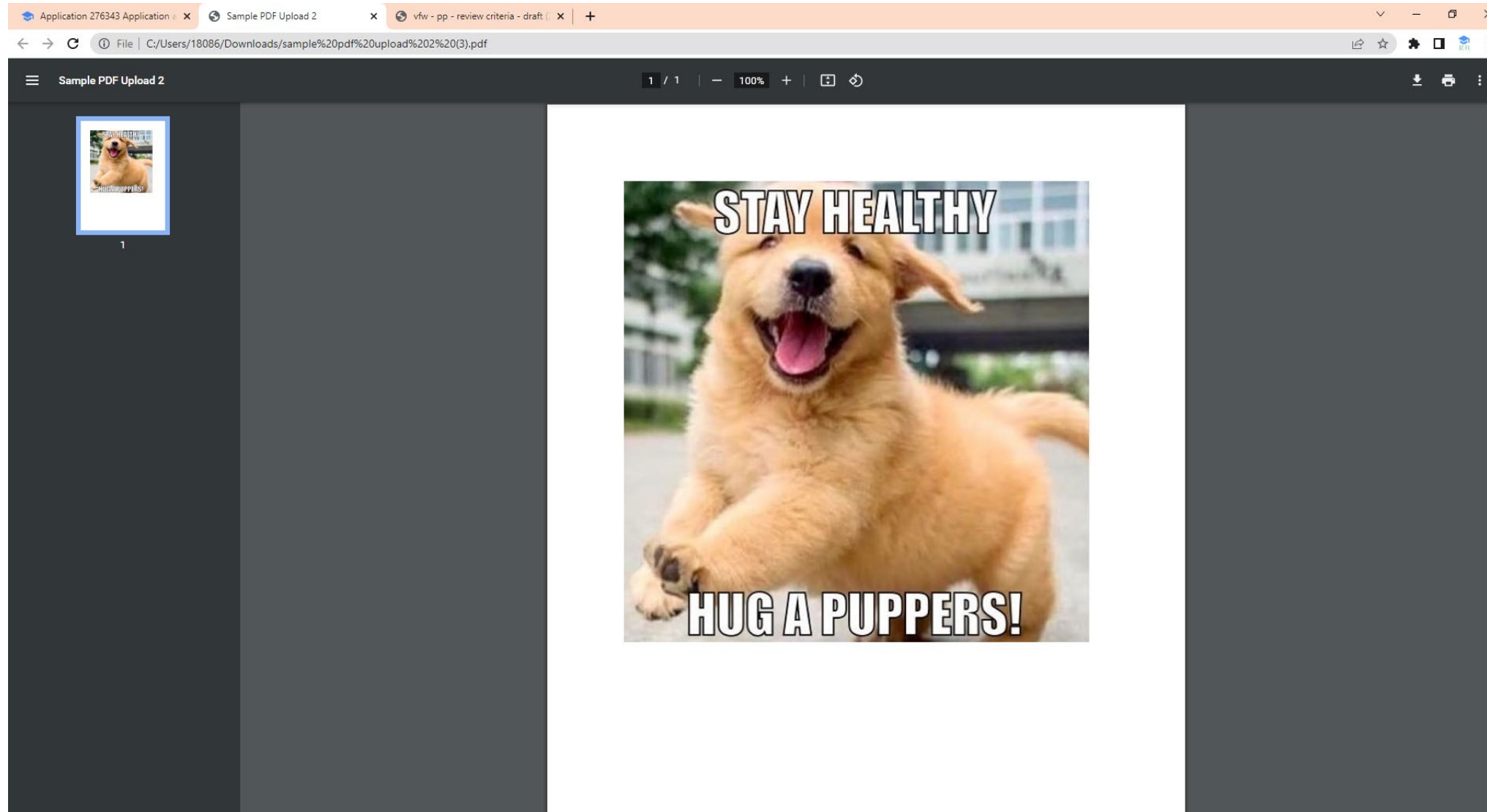
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1. The Essay file will open on a separate tab on your computer.
2. You can read the essay here



Click the Application tab to go back to your Reviewer judging screen



A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows 'donors.scholarsapp.com/applications/276343'. The page content is divided into several sections: 'Teacher's Name (If applicable)', 'Teacher's Email (If applicable)', 'Parent/Guardian Contact Information' (with fields for Name, Phone, Email, and Date), and 'Essay'. The 'Essay' section contains instructions and a 'Download' button for a file named 'sample pdf upload 2.pdf'. On the right side, a 'Review panel' is open, showing a 'Hide Review Panel' button, 'Criteria Instructions', and a 'Save' button. Below these are three score fields: 'Knowledge of the theme (0-35...)' with a value of '/ 35', 'Theme development (0-35 Poi...' with a value of '/ 35', and 'Clarity of ideas (0-35 points):' with a value of '/ 35'. A 'Notes' section is also visible at the bottom of the review panel.

Click the Application tab to go back to your Reviewer judging screen



A screenshot of a web browser displaying a review panel on the right and an application form on the left. The browser's address bar shows 'donors.scholarsapp.com/applications/276343'. The application form includes fields for 'Teacher's Name (If applicable)', 'Teacher's Email (If applicable)', and 'Parent/Guardian Contact Information' (Name, Phone, Email). Below this is the 'Essay' section with instructions and a 'Download' button for a PDF. The review panel on the right has a 'Review panel' title, 'Hide Review Panel', 'Criteria Instructions', and 'Save' buttons. It contains three score fields: 'Knowledge of the theme (0-35...)' with a value of 35, 'Theme development (0-35 Poi...)' with a value of 35, and 'Clarity of ideas (0-35 points):' with a value of 35. There is also a 'Notes' section with a large text area.

Review Panel for Patriot's Pen

Review panel ⚙️

⚠️ Hide Review Panel Criteria Instructions Save

Knowledge of the theme (0-35 points): 25 / 35

Theme development (0-35 points): 20 / 35

Clarity of ideas (0-35 points): 20 / 35

Notes

You can put notes in this box. Use it to add your thoughts on a particularly strong essay or a particularly poor essay. You can use it to provide some context to your score.

The Criteria and Score Ranges are

- Knowledge of Theme: 0 - 30
- Theme Development: 0 - 35
- Clarity of ideas: 0 - 35

1. Enter your score for each of the 3 Review Criteria
2. Put any notes that you would like in the Notes section.
3. Click Save to save your work

You can save your work at any point and return to continue reviewing. You can also edit your work.

Review Summary

1. Your Review page will now show your progress and scores
2. Click Show My Review to open the Review Panel to change scores or modify notes

Scholar's App

Robyn (Test Reviewer 1) Nomura

Scholarships

Application to Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen

Application 276343

Candidate

Reviews

Round 1 In progress

	Knowledge of the theme (0-30 Points)	Theme development (0-35 Points)	Clarity of ideas (0-35 points)	Total Score
Robyn (Test Reviewer 1)	<div style="width: 75%;"></div>	<div style="width: 75%;"></div>	<div style="width: 75%;"></div>	65

Notes: You can put notes in this box. Use it add your thoughts on a particularly strong essay or a particularly poor essay. You can use to provide some context to your score.

General

First Name

Last Name

Application 276343

Candidate



Reviews

Round 1

In progress

	Knowledge of the theme (0-30 Points)	Theme development (0-35 Points)	Clarity of ideas (0-35 points)	Total Score
Robyn (Test Reviewer 1)	<div style="width: 25%;"></div>	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>	65

Notes: You can put notes in this box. Use it add your thoughts on a particularly strong essay or a particularly poor essay. You can use to provide some context to your score.

General

First Name

Last Name



Application 276343

Candidate

Reviews

Round 1

In progress

	Knowledge of the theme (0-30 Points)	Theme development (0-35 Points)	Clarity of ideas (0-35 points)	Total Score
Robyn (Test Reviewer 1)	<div style="width: 25%;"></div>	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>	65

Notes: You can put notes in this box. Use it add your thoughts on a particularly strong essay or a particularly poor essay. You can use to provide some context to your score.

General

First Name

Last Name

M.I.

Date of Birth

Phone Number

Age

Email

Review panel

Hide Review Panel

Criteria Instructions

Save

Knowledge of the theme (0-3...

25 / 35

Theme development (0-35 Poi...

20 / 35

Clarity of ideas (0-35 points):

20 / 35

Notes

You can put notes in this box. Use it add your thoughts on a particularly strong essay or a particularly poor essay. You can use to provide some context to your score.

Click on the Scholarship Name to return to the Donor Dashboard

Application to Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen



Application 276343

Candidate

Show My Review

Reviews

Round 1

In progress

	Knowledge of the theme (0-30 Points)	Theme development (0-35 Points)	Clarity of ideas (0-35 points)	Total Score
Robyn (Test Reviewer 1)	<div style="width: 80%;"></div>	<div style="width: 75%;"></div>	<div style="width: 85%;"></div>	65

Notes: You can put notes in this box. Use it add your thoughts on a particularly strong essay or a particularly poor essay. You can use to provide some context to your score.

General

First Name	Last Name
M.I.	Date of Birth
Phone Number	Age

Your Donor Dashboard is now updated with the progress of your work

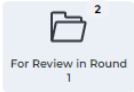
1. For Review in Round 1 Folder – Number of applicants assigned for Review has been reduced by the number of applications you reviewed
2. Reviewed in Round 1 Folder – Shows the number of applications you have reviewed increased by the number of applications you reviewed
3. Reviewed in Previous Rounds – Shows the number of Reviews you have completed in multiple cycle rounds
4. Links to the Application forms – Remaining applications to Review. Click on an Applicant Name / Number to begin your Review. Continue until all assigned applicants are reviewed.

Scholarships / Scholars App Test Sc... / Applications

Applicant Report

Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen

1



2



3



Round 1 out of 1 is in progress.

Search for application

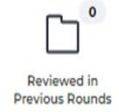
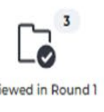
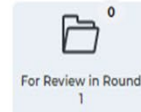
Applicant	Documents	Submitted
Application 276347		10/12/22
Application 276351		10/12/22
2 total		

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Scholarships / Scholars App Test Sc... / Applications

Applicant Report

Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen



Round 1 out of 1 is in progress.

Search for application

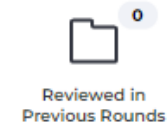
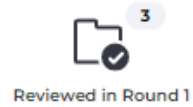
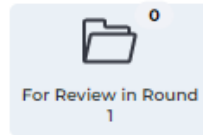
No applications to show.

1. Reviews are completed for the Round when the For Review in Round folder is at 0.
2. You can still edit your Review Scores or Notes by clicking on the Reviewed in Round x folder

Scholarships / Scholars App Test Sc... / Applications

Applicant Report

Scholars App Test Scholarship - Patriot's Pen



Round 1 out of 1 is in progress.

Search for application

No applications to show.

Congratulations! You have completed your Reviews. If there is additional Rounds, new assignments will show up under the next Round Number

Starting the Reviews – Voice of Democracy

The screenshot shows the Scholar's App interface. At the top left is the 'Scholar's App' logo. The main content area displays 'Application to Scholars App Test Scholarship - Voice of Democracy' with the application ID '279572' and a 'Candidate' tag. Below this is a 'Reviews' section with a gear icon, indicating that no reviews have been provided yet. A 'General' section contains a form with fields for First Name, Last Name, M.I., Date of Birth, Phone Number, and Age. On the right side, a 'Review panel' is visible, featuring a 'Hide Review Panel' button, a 'Criteria Instructions' link, and a 'Save' button. The panel includes three scoring sections: 'Content (0-30 Points)' with a score of /35, 'Delivery (0-35 Points)' with a score of /35, and 'Originality (0-35 points)' with a score of /35. A 'Notes' section is also present at the bottom of the review panel.

1. Scroll Down to the Essay Section (it's near the bottom on the page)

2. Click on the pdf Download button to view the submitted Essay

3. Click on the mp3 or audio file download to listen to the audio essay

This year's theme is: Why Is The Veteran Important?

How long is your audio file?

3 min

I have not identified myself within the written essay or audio file (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.)

yes

I did not put my name on the written essay or audio file.

yes

Upload your typed essay here.

lvfw test essay.pdf

Download

Upload your audio essay here. MP3 file format accepted.

vod demo.mp3.download

Download

If you're unable to upload the audio file, please add a link to your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) audio essay in the textbox below.

Link to your audio essay:

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Criteria Instructions will open on a separate tab on your computer screen. The Criteria Instructions document provides guidance for the judges. You can leave this tab open for reference or print it out.



These are the Scoring Criteria for Voice of Democracy

Application 279572 Application a x scoring criteria vod - 2022 - 2023 x +

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2023 (1).pdf 1 / 1 100% +

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY - SCORING CRITERIA
2022-2023 Program Year

Essay Topic: My Pledge To Our Veterans	
Criteria	Judging Consideration
Content: 0 - 35 points	Speaks in a clear and credible manner
Delivery: 0 to 35 points	Clearly express ideas in an organized manner. Fully developed them and use of transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another
Originality: 0 - 30 points	Treatment of the theme shows imagination and human interest

Essay Portion

This year's theme is: Why Is The Veteran Important?

How long is your audio file?

3 min

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yes

I did not put my name on the written essay or audio file.

yes

Upload your typed essay here.

!vfw test essay.pdf

[Download](#)

Upload your audio essay here. MP3 file format accepted.

vod demo.mp3.download

[Download](#)



1. Click the mp3 or audio file download button
2. The audio file will open at the bottom left corner of your computer screen.
3. Click the file to open

School Zip

School Contact

Teachers Name (if applicable)

Teachers Email (if applicable)

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Phone

Parent/Guardian Email

Date

Essay Portion

This year's theme is: Why Is The Veteran Important?

How long is your audio file?

3 min

I have not identified myself within the written essay or audio file (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.)

yes

I did not put my name on the written essay or audio file.

yes

Upload your typed essay here.

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vod demo.mp3.download

[Download](#)

If you're unable to upload the audio file, please add a link to your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) audio essay in the textbox below.

Link to your audio essay:

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Review panel

[Hide Review Panel](#) [Criteria Instructions](#) [Save](#)

Content (0-30 Points): / 35

Delivery (0-35 Points): / 35

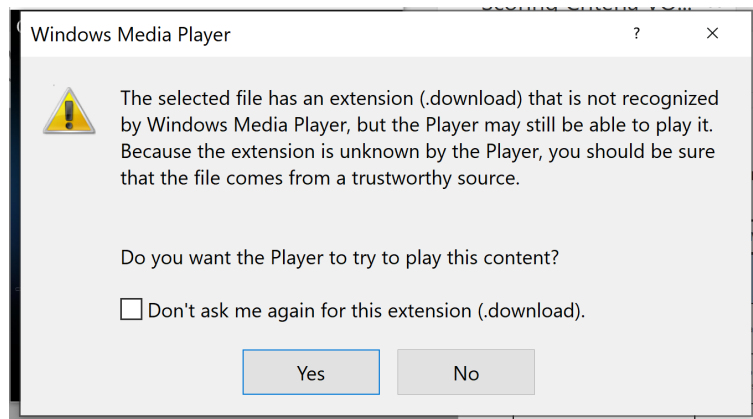
Originality (0-35 points): / 35

Notes

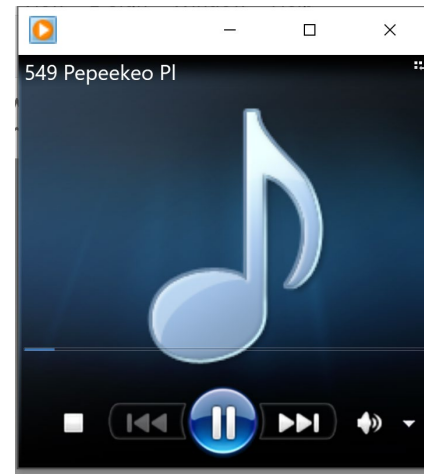


vod demo.....download

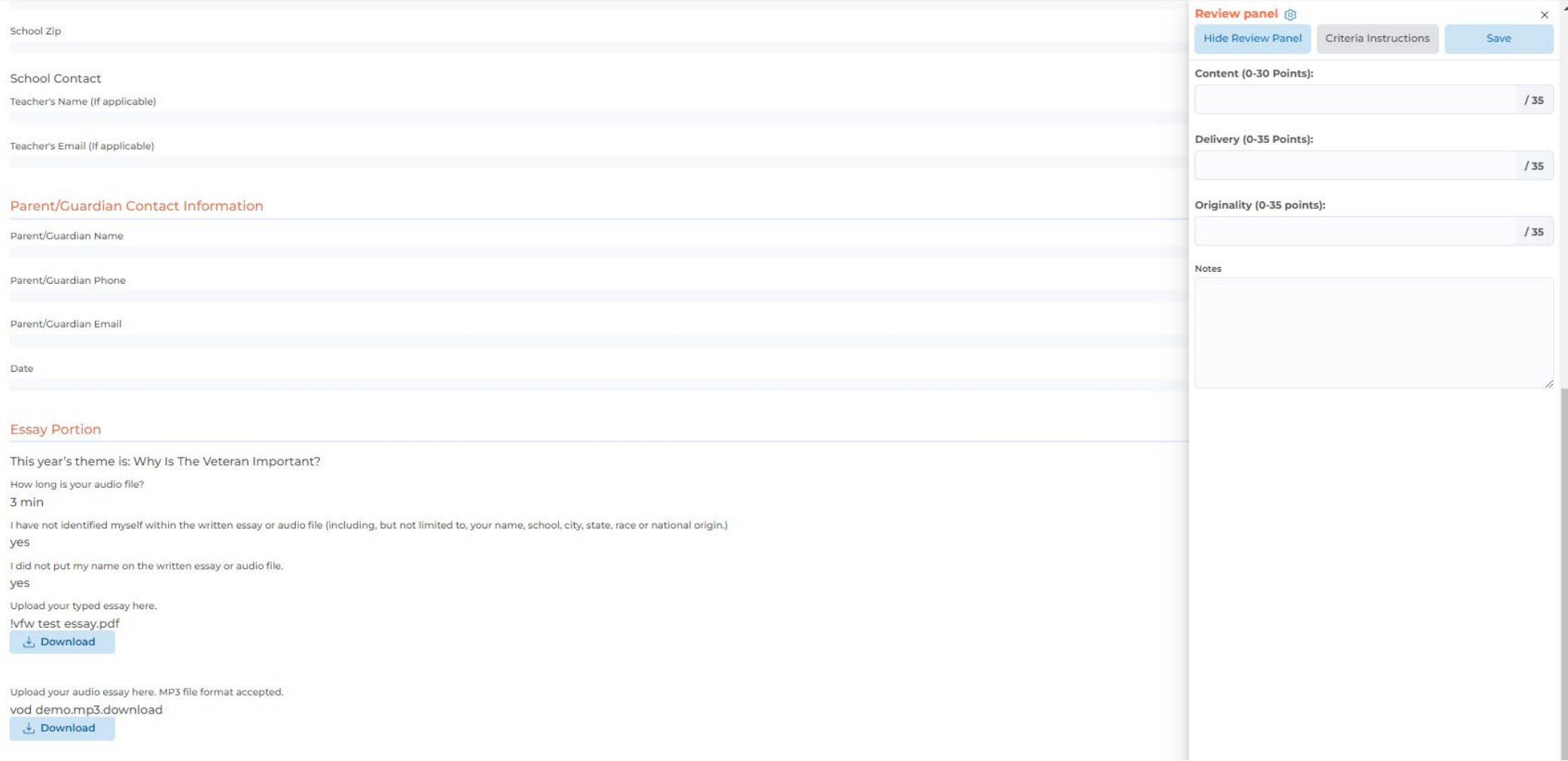
- You may encounter this message. Click Yes.



- The audio file should start playing



After listening to the audio essay, go back to the Reviewer Judging screen input your scores and notes in the Review Panel



The screenshot shows a web interface for reviewing an audio essay. On the left, there are several form sections: 'School Zip', 'School Contact' (with 'Teacher's Name (If applicable)' and 'Teacher's Email (If applicable)'), 'Parent/Guardian Contact Information' (with 'Parent/Guardian Name', 'Parent/Guardian Phone', 'Parent/Guardian Email', and 'Date'), and 'Essay Portion'. The 'Essay Portion' section includes the theme 'This year's theme is: Why Is The Veteran Important?', a question 'How long is your audio file?' with a '3 min' answer, and two 'yes' responses to questions about identifying oneself and putting one's name on the file. Below these are two 'Download' buttons for files named 'lvfw test essay.pdf' and 'vod demo.mp3.download'. On the right, a 'Review panel' is open, indicated by a red arrow. The panel has a title bar with 'Review panel', a settings icon, and a close button. Below the title bar are three buttons: 'Hide Review Panel', 'Criteria Instructions', and 'Save'. The panel contains three scoring sections: 'Content (0-30 Points):' with a score of '/ 35', 'Delivery (0-35 Points):' with a score of '/ 35', and 'Originality (0-35 points):' with a score of '/ 35'. At the bottom of the panel is a 'Notes' section with a large text area.

Review Panel for Voice of Democracy

Review panel ⚙️

Hide Review Panel Criteria Instructions **Save**

Content (0-30 Points):

/ 35

Delivery (0-35 Points):

/ 35

Originality (0-35 points):

/ 35

Notes

The Criteria and Score Ranges are for Voice of Democracy are:

- Content: 0 - 30
- Delivery: 0 - 35
- Originality: 0 - 35

1. Enter your score for each of the 3 Review Criteria
2. Put any notes that you would like in the Notes section.
3. Click Save to save your work

You can save your work at any point and return to continue reviewing. You can also edit your work.

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