



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 1996

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: The program is sponsored by local V.F.W. posts and is offered to foster patriotism and love of country and is intended to encourage good citizenship; and

WHEREAS: **Li Chen**, a junior at CRLS, and **Lashunda Hamner**, a senior at CRLS, wrote their prize-winning essays on this year's topic, "Answering America's Call;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its congratulations to **Li Chen** and **Lashunda Hamner** on their prize-winning essays and appreciation to the Isaac Taylor V.F.W. Post for sponsoring this contest; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to **Li Chen** and **Lashunda Hamner** and the **Isaac Taylor V.F.W. Post** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

"Answering America's Call"

My first reaction to the theme Answering America's Call was that everyone should or will come together as one strong person. If I were to translate these words, so that I can understand it better, I would automatically think that it means people or countries helping and responding to America's needs and wants.

As citizens of this country or permanent residents our job is to try our best to help aid what our country is asking for. Helping the country is not helping other people or strangers but yourself. When the country is better, you will become better yourself.

I thought of an example that relates to this phrase. In 1781, one of the main factors that helped this country to win Britain was the help we got from France. France answered America's call by giving this country gunpowder to beat Britain down. What I must admit is that the help we got from France absolutely helped this country, more or less, to have a victory at Saratoga, New York. This help responded to our need. It also established friendship between the two countries. Back then, France was a strong country with many people and supply. In 1995, the strong force in America is coming from the people who live in this place. With a solid wall built by us, no intruders will be able to break it down.

Another example would be volunteers going to war to

fight for his or her beloved country. This positive attitude shows support, love and enthusiasim for America. If and only if there is a day that America needed people to help in the war or anything, you bet my name would be on that list. The only way one country can succeed in anything is that everyone needs to unite and support every move the country makes.

I also think simply being a good human being in America satisfies the meaning of "Answering America's Call."

What the United States need right now is that everyone being peaceful with one another. People need to obey laws in the United States and extend a helping hand to the people who need it.

Working together can only become better and we are working for the best for this country. Once America's needs are answered with the best solutions this country will prosper on a higher level. At the same time, Amercia is and always was ready for the next challenge to come.

By:

Li Chen

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DR English
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MARY A. McDONALD

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National Scholarships

1st Place \$20,000

2nd Place	\$ 15,000
3rd Place	\$ 10,000
4th Place	\$ 6,000
5th Place	\$ 5,000
6th Place	\$ 4,000
7th Place	\$ 3,000
8th Place	\$ 2,500
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50th Place	\$ 1,000
51st Place	\$ 1,000
52nd Place	\$ 1,000

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T. C. Selman Memorial Scholarship Award

VFW Scholarship Award
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Minnesota Scholarship Award
Dept. of Indiana and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Daniel Sean Wallace Memorial Scholarship Award
Jesse A. Lewis Memorial Scholarship Award
Joseph O. Hansen Memorial Scholarship Award
Dept. of New Hampshire Jean A. Loud Memorial Scholarship Award
Dept. of Illinois and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Rothbart Family Memorial Scholarship Award
Larry W. Rivers Scholarship Award
Department of Missouri and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Department of New Mexico Scholarship Award
Francis Tallman Memorial Scholarship Award
Robert A. Stock Memorial Scholarship Award
Walter and Doris Marshall Scholarship Award
Southern Conference Scholarship Award
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Black Scholarship Award
Jane Young Memorial Scholarship Award
Dept. of Alabama Scholarship Award
Dept. of Georgia James H. "Sloppy" Floyd Memorial Scholarship Award
Dept. of Georgia R.D. "Bulldog" Smith, Jr. Scholarship Award
Dept. of Ohio Chester J. Koch Memorial Scholarship Award
Dept. of Connecticut and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Stephen and Elsie Riordan Memorial Scholarship Award
Dept. of Illinois Scott Post 4183 Scholarship Award
Capitol Hill Post 2400 Scholarship Award
Dept. of California and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Bernard J. Michels, Post 9610 and its Auxillary Scholarship Award
Juanita Crowe, Dept. of Tennessee Scholarship Award
Cramer/Harrell Scholarship Award
Ervin and Lorraine Rothenbuhler Scholarship Award
Fridley VFW Post 363 and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Silver Spring Memorial Post 2562 Scholarship Award
Department of Massachusetts Edward A. Nardi Scholarship Award
Dept. of Michigan and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Department of Wyoming and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Dept. of Kentucky and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Dept. of Colorado and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Dept. of Arizona and Ladies Auxillary Harry A. Kosht Memorial Scholarship Award
Dept. of New Jersey Howard E. Vander Clute Scholarship Award
Roy Chandler VFW Post 762 and Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Arthur W. Jones VFW Post 7564 and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Dept. of Pennsylvania Joseph L. Vicites Memorial Scholarship Award
U.S.S. Battleship Maine Memorial Scholarship Award
Gilbert N. Nelson Post 1326 and Auxillary Scholarship Award
Dept. of Kansas and its Ladies Aux. Robert R. Whipple Mem. Scholarship Award
Department of Nevada and its Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Award
Dept. of Florida John M. "Jack" Carney Scholarship Award

(and growing as of 15 July 1995)

Student Information

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM?

The National Voice of Democracy Program is conducted each year during the fall school term allowing high school students the opportunity to win valuable scholarships and awards while expressing their opinion on America. The program is offered to foster patriotism, love of country and intended to encourage good citizenship.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE?

If you are currently a 10th, 11th or 12th grade student properly enrolled in a public, private, parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or a dependent of U.S. military or U.S. civilian personnel in overseas schools ... you may be eligible to compete. (Foreign Exchange students are excluded.)

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

The program is conducted each fall and any interested student should encourage their school to take part in the program. Ask your counselor or a favorite teacher to contact the nearest local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in your community and get full details on their local program. A competition must be sponsored by a VFW Post and cooperation between the Post and your school is vital to a successful competition. **DEADLINE FOR ENTERING COMPETITION: NOVEMBER 15th.**

AWARDS/OPPORTUNITIES

Each Department winner receives an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Five fun-filled days of tours, theaters, visits to monuments, meeting with heads of state and often the President or Vice President of the United States. The National Judging is held in Washington, D.C. prior to the students' arrival and the winners are announced at a special reception.

The American Academy of Achievement normally invites each Department winner to the Banquet of the Golden Plate and Salute to Excellence Weekend held each June at a selected site. Past Academies have been held in such places as New York City, Chicago, Las Vegas, etc. Each Department (State) arranges sponsorship for its Department Voice of Democracy winner to attend the Academy program. Each year, VFW sponsorship has been arranged for all the students by their respective Departments; National Headquarters sponsors the first place National winner.

All National scholarships (listed on page 6) are paid directly to the American university or American college as selected by the recipient. Disbursement is made directly to the college upon receipt of proper notice from the college certifying that the recipient has been accepted and is enrolled. All scholarship monies are held in escrow at National Headquarters and disbursed as needed until the account is totally withdrawn. The funds may be used for tuition, books, laboratory fees and/or other items relating specifically to the student's formal education. (Clothing, room and board and pocket money are not considered authorized expenditures.) All questions should be referred to National Headquarters. Numerous opportunities also exist to win valuable scholarships and awards in your community. Most VFW Post/Auxiliaries offer additional monetary awards to program participants who place in their school competition.

WHAT IS ACTUALLY REQUIRED OF A PARTICIPANT?

All eligible students will be judged on their interpretation of the program theme. A positive approach should be used to express the entrant's viewpoint. The theme is "Answering America's Call." The finished written essay can not take less than three minutes nor longer than five minutes to deliver on cassette tape.

DELIVERY

Delivery should be on cassette tape and in a natural style. Voice should be normal and conversational, not oratorical. THE ESSAY SHOULD BE SPOKEN IN ENGLISH; NO BACKGROUND MUSIC OR OTHER ENHANCEMENT ALLOWED. (When preparing and presenting the final written and recorded essay, care must be taken not to refer to the entrant's race, national origin, disabilities or in any way identify themselves, their city, state or school.)

JUDGING

Point value in judging will be assigned as follows:

Delivery	20
Originality.....	40
Content.....	40

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR, A FAVORITE TEACHER,
THE NEAREST VFW POST, OR THE NUMBER LISTED ON PAGE 8.

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OFFICIAL STUDENT ENTRY FORM

Isaac Taylor Post

TAPE TIME: 3 Min. 45 Sec.

SECTION A: (This section to be completed by SCHOOL winner.)

(Print) First Name Lashanda M.I. _____ Last Name Hammer

First name you wish on informal name badge and jacket Lashanda

Street Address 4 Livermore Pl P.O. Box _____

City Cambridge State MA Zip 02144

Home phone (617) 491-3582 Social Security Number 032-56-6448

Age 18 Date of Birth 7/14/77 Grade in School 12 Sex F

Jacket Size: S M (L) XL XXL (Circle one)

Name of School The Cambridge Rindge and Latin School

School Address 459 Broadway

Cambridge MA 02138
City State Zip

School phone (617) 349-6715

If selected as the state winner, I would like to fly to Washington, D.C. from the following airport:

Logan Boston MA
Airport City State

PLEASE ENSURE THIS BOX IS COMPLETED/SIGNED

If selected as the state winner, I do have the consent of my PARENTS & SCHOOL to attend and I WILL ATTEND the National Finals Program in its entirety in Washington, D.C. from March 1 to March 6, 1996, as the guest of the VFW National Organization. I understand that failure to attend any portion of this Washington, D.C. trip may result in my disqualification as a National finalist.

Signature of Principal Edward R. Harsen

Signature of Teacher Leslie Oliver

Signature of Parents or Legal Guardian _____

Signature of winner [Signature] Date 11/15/95

"Answering America's Call"

I believe the statement "Answering America's Call" could be best understood if it were put in a generational context. During my parent's and grandparent's generation "Answering America's Call" was for the most part a call to arms. We, millions of Americans put on uniforms and headed overseas to places like North Africa, Normandy Beach and the Philippines in order to rid the earth of fascists regimes which threatened all mankind.

During this time serving one's country was not an opinion. People old and young alike contributed in one way or another. From school kids who collected scrap metal and rubber to make war materials, to housewives who assumed the roles of ship builders and airplane assemblers. Americans assisted in every imaginable way; hence, "Answering America's Call". A time for all Americans to come together and form a common bond in the fight for liberty and freedom across the globe.

Today's generation, however, is quite different and more complex. I think people have to use their imagination and "Answer America's Call" in their own particular way.

Today's problems and challenges are, for the most part, internal in nature which, when added up, threaten the stability and vitality of this country. From affordable health care to the epidemic of crime and homelessness "America's Call" has to be answered by all. Everybody must take responsibility and do their share. It is refreshing to see my generation utilizing their time, youth, and energy wisely, helping to make this country a better place. They volunteer in places like City Year providing meals for the elderly, picking up trash in vacant lots, as well as a number of other efforts. Other ways we Americans can "Answer America's Call" is by people volunteering a couple of hours a week tutoring those who can't speak English in order to help them assimilate to our culture, or by helping the young people learn about themselves. For example, I have volunteered to become a peer leader, making videos and giving presentations in order to educate young teens in homeless shelters about AIDS, their own bodies and helping them acquire a positive self image.

In closing, we would "Answer America's Call" in our own personalized way for the collective good of society and for America's future. Because, if we all individuals don't act, this country will slowly become fractured and the common bond which brought us through previous turbulent times will be permanently broken. I

have faith however, that we, as American's, will once again rise to the occasion and "Answer America's Call".

By: Lashunda Hamner



OFFICIAL STUDENT ENTRY FORM

TAPE TIME: 3 Min. 5 Sec.

SECTION A: (This section to be completed by SCHOOL winner.)

(Print) First Name Li M.I. _____ Last Name Chen

First name you wish on informal name badge and jacket Li

Street Address 402 Rindge Ave # 8T P.O. Box _____

City Cambridge State MA Zip 02140

Home phone (617) 547-0456 Social Security Number 026-64-7340

Age 16 Date of Birth 5/3/79 Grade in School Junior Sex F

Jacket Size: S (M) L XL XXL (Circle one)

Name of School Cambridge Rindge and Latin

School Address 459 Broadway

Cambridge City MA State 02138 Zip

School phone (617) 349-6715

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Signature of Teacher Robert A. Owen

Signature of Parents or Legal Guardian Xiao-Zen Zhu

Signature of winner L. Chen Date _____

SECTION A continued: (To be completed by Post/Auxiliary Chairman only.)

I certify that the student named in Section A is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program in his/her school and is his/her school's SOLE authorized entry in the District or County Council finals.

Signature of Post Commander/Chairman _____ VFW Post _____

Address _____

Ladies Auxiliary President/Chairman _____ Auxiliary No. _____

Address _____

Number of schools sponsored _____ Number of students participating in program _____

Amount of Post/Auxiliary scholarship awards _____

Amount of Post/Auxiliary additional expense money (banquets, gifts, pins, jackets, etc.) _____

SECTION B: (District Chairman completes this section.)

I certify that the student named in Section A of this entry form is the duly selected winner of the 1995-96 Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program in this District and is our SOLE official entry in the state finals.

District No. _____

Signature of District Chairman _____

Street Address _____ Phone: () _____

City

State

Zip

SECTION C: (State Chairman completes this section.)

PLEASE CHECK AND COMPLETE

_____ I certify that the student in Section A of this entry form is the duly selected winner of the 1995-96 Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program in this state and is our SOLE official entry in the National judging.

IMPORTANT

_____ I certify that our student has been/or will be notified that they are the first place state winner on the following date _____. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WILL CONTACT WINNER AFTER THIS DATE CONCERNING THEIR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITION.

Signature of
State Chairman _____

Street Address _____ Phone: () _____

City

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NOTE TO STATE CHAIRMAN: BEFORE SENDING TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, BE SURE THIS FORM IS COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ACCOMPANIES YOUR STATE WINNER'S TAPE, BIO, PARENT RELEASE FORM, 3 X 5 PHOTO & TYPED ESSAY.

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Whereas:
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Consent Order #15 R-1161

Future Membership

Councillor Toomey re: Congratulations to
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In City Council November 18, 1996

ORDER ADOPTED