



AMERICANISM NEWSLETTER

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ALA Americanism Essay Contest

The Americanism Essay Contest is sponsored annually by the American Legion Auxiliary and allows students to develop their thoughts and knowledge on what being an American signifies. The process of writing the essay enables students to explore the various aspects of Americanism and Patriotism. The national president's Americanism Essay Contest for the 2025 topic is "What Does America The Beautiful Mean to Me?"

Americanism Essay Contest is open to all students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. This also includes all Public, Charter, Home Schooled and Private Schools. Units connect with students through exhibits and flyers in libraries, churches, and social and print media. Encourage Junior members and family members to participate in the essay contest. Essay classes are: Class I: Grades 3 and 4, Word Requirement 150- 250; Class II: Grades 5 and 6, Word Requirement 250 – 300; Class III: Grades 7 and 8, Word Requirement 350- 400; Class IV: 9 and 10, Word Requirement 450- 500; Class V: 11 and 12, Word Requirement 450- 500; Class VI: Students with special needs, Word count should correspond with a student's grade level.

The department (state) level receives each unit's winners in the six classes to determine the winner in each class to represent their department at the national division level. At the national level, each division selects a winner for each of the six classes. The national division winners in each class receive an award of \$50. As of 2023-2024, the Department will be giving 6 Americanism Essay Awards.

The deadline for departments to submit their winning essays for consideration to their Americanism national division chair is April 15, 2025. I would need your winning essay

submissions sent to me, Suzanne Smith, ssmith3@atmc.net , NO LATER THEN MARCH 30, 2025.

ATTACHED IS THE AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2025 COVER SHEET AND THE AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST FLOW CHART