



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of North Carolina
Americanism Essay Contest

Americanism Essay Contest is open to all students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. This also includes all Public, Charter, Home, and Private schools.

Essay Title: **"What does Freedom mean to me?"**

I have attached a copy of the Americanism Essay Contest 2024 Cover Sheet. This must be attached to all essays. Please make sure names and addresses are spelled correctly and legible. One essay from each class will be forwarded to the Southern Division in hopes it wins and then be forwarded to National.

I have also attached a copy of the Essay flow chart.

Please get your Unit winning Essays to me by MARCH 15, 2024, as I have a deadline to get the Department winners into our division chairman.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have on your Unit Americanism Program or the Americanism Essay Contest.

In the spirit of service, not self

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**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2024 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund.

Essay Title: *“What does Freedom mean to me?”*

Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

Essay Checklist:

- Class competing in _____
- Sponsoring ALA unit _____
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay _____
- Due date for student to return to ALA unit _____

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

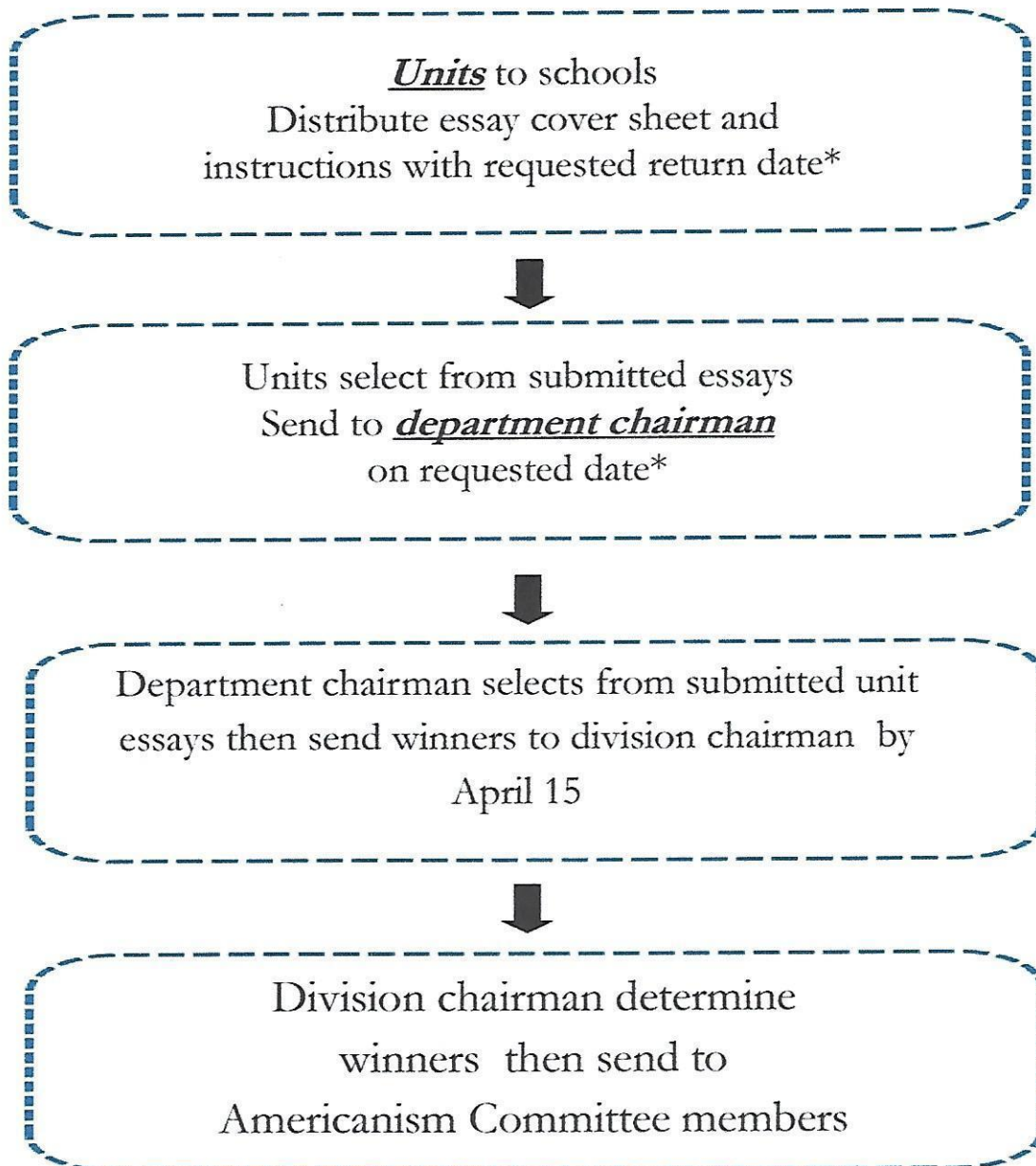
Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2024



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Americanism Essay Contest flow chart -

Visit www.ALForVeterans.org for more information and required cover sheet



**Deadlines determined by unit and department chairmen.*