

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Information should be sent to the teachers as soon as possible, October 1st. This can be found in the ABC Book under Americanism Program.
2. The information should include:
 - A. A copy of the Cover Sheet (found in the ABC Book) that has the official title of the essay on it. This sheet is to be completed and attached to the front of the essay.
 - B. The essays must be handwritten or typed. Grades 7-12 must be typed.
 - C. The title listed on the cover sheet should be at the beginning of the essay.
 - D. The signature of the student should be at the end of the essay in case it gets separated from the cover sheet.
 - E. The font used should be easy to read.
 - F. All words must be spelled correctly and do not trust the spell check.
 - G. There can be no pictures or symbols on the essay and bold print should not be used.
 - H. A 1inch margin is recommended on all sides.
3. When the essays are completed the Unit judges them and only the 1st place winner in each class is sent to the Department Americanism Chairman. Check the ABC Book for the dates when the essays are to be submitted.
4. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me early so we can get the correct answers and explanations given.

Sharon Scott, Americanism Chairman

PO Box 97

Niobrara, NE 68760

Scotty1949@hotmail.com 402-857-3838 402-640-5144

Americanism Essay Theme:

“How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities”?

Essays due to Department Chairman from the Units: **March 15**

GUIDELINES

- Open to students in public, private, parochial, and home schools
- Open to other organizations (Young Marines, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs etc.)
- Each entry must include the Americanism Essay Contest cover sheet (included in ABC Book)
- Unit winners submitted to Department Americanism Chairman Sharon Scott (address above). **Must be postmarked by March 15**

CLASS	GRADE LEVEL	WORDS 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

***Defined as those in special education classes; a student recommended for special education classes, but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors; a child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities (identification contingent upon discretion of school officials)



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2018 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. National winners will be posted at www.ALforVeterans.org after convention.

Essay Title: *"What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community?"*

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 be appropriate with Age group

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, 2018