

## Participation in the Americanism Essay Contest.

This year's theme is:

“How does learning about government and our America help **you** become a future guardian of the liberties of our country?”

Student Award:

Americanism Essay Contest

Type of award: Citation, \$50 prize and additional \$50 donation added to the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship Fund.

Presented to: 30 students total, six from each division, one student for every class in each division.

### Materials and Guidelines:

- The contest shall include six 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.

- Students with special needs are 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
- Entries must include the Americanism Essay Contest cover sheet found at the end of this program Plan.
- Unit winners are sent to the department Americanism chairman, following department guidelines.
- The department winning entry must be postmarked by April 15, 2017, and sent to the national division chairman (see front page of this program Plan for specific division contact information).
- National winners will be informed of their award via communication from National Headquarters directly following National Convention
  - At this time, a copy of the letter sent to the student along with a citation will be sent to the department to forward on to the unit. The department and unit should arrange a public recognition of the student's achievement.