

## Department Americanism Program

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Hello Auxiliary members.

I am excited to be your Americanism chairman for this year. I recently attended a very informative video conference with other Department and National program chairmen. There is an abundance of great knowledge and information available for this wonderful program. I will be sharing some of these items with you in the following months via unit mailings and the Department webpage at [www.ndala.org/americanism/](http://www.ndala.org/americanism/)

Hopefully you took advantage of the voting freedom given to us by casting a vote this year. This is an important part of our democratic process that veterans have helped preserve. However, turnout in North Dakota was historically low. Consider helping others 'get out and vote.' Offer to drive someone to a polling place or help them file to become an absentee voter.

Please support the Americanism Essay Contest in your respective areas. This year's essay title is: **"What does patriotism mean to you?"** The contest is open to students in grades 3-12, including home-school participants. Please include the essay contest cover sheet with your entries. I must receive entries **no later than March 15, 2023**. They may be mailed to **Shauna Dubuque, PO Box 0251, Glyndon MN 56547-0251** or scanned and emailed to [americanism@ndala.org](mailto:americanism@ndala.org) Cover sheets and more information will be coming out in a unit mailing and will be posted online. **\*Sponsor units – please collect essays from schools and send in only one Unit winner per class category to me!\***

Remember to proudly fly your American flag. The flag may be flown on all days, but especially consider days such as: Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Inauguration Day (Jan 20), Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Jan), Lincoln's Birthday (Feb 12), Washington's Birthday (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Feb), and Easter Sunday. (This list is a suggestion for December-April and is not all inclusive).

I hope you have a good Christmas season and share your patriotism and kindness with others.

Shauna Dubuque  
Americanism Chairman



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## American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest

The Americanism Essay Contest was created to teach students the value of patriotism and what it means to be Americans. Thousands of students participate in the program each year and help promote a lifelong respect of our flag and country. (Courtesy National Auxiliary Office)

Students in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the contest. Home-school and special-needs students are also welcome to enter. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented by the Northwestern Division. Division winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in their name to the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship fund. Winners at the Department level will be announced at Department Convention, will receive a certificate, and will be submitted for consideration at the Division level.

Essay title: **What does patriotism mean to you?**

| 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 |

Please include the following:

- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay cover sheet as first page of essay
- Completed information on cover sheet for Sponsor Unit Name/Number/Signature

Essay must be postmarked or in my email inbox **no later than March 15, 2023.**

Please mail (or scan and email) completed essay to:

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**\*\*If you need help finding a local Auxiliary unit sponsor, please contact me at 701-491-8776\*\***



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST  
2023 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.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) after convention.

**Essay Title:** *"What does patriotism mean to you?"*

**Essay Classes:**

| Class | Grade Level                 | Word Requirement   |
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| I     | 3 and 4                     | 150-250  |
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**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 March 1, 2023

**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: March 15, 2023 Department: North Dakota

Signature of Department Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

*Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2023*