



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2025 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 America the Beautiful mean to me (regarding veterans and our military)?"*

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.

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

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: _____

Parent/Guardian 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, 2025

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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2024-2025 Americanism Essay Contest Flow Chart – For Auxiliary Units

1. Units distribute Americanism essay instructions and cover sheets to area schools. Contest participants must submit essays to their local units no later than **March 1, 2025**.
 - a. *Please note: the Department Office will include the Americanism essay contest information when mailing Department Education scholarship information to North Dakota schools in early November.*
2. Units select winners from each submission class and send one essay entry per class to the Department Americanism Chairman by **March 15, 2025**.
3. Department Americanism Chairman will select class winners from all entries and will submit them to Northwest Division Chairman.
4. All Entries must include an Americanism essay cover sheet. Additional copies may be printed from the Department's website at: www.ndala.org/americanism.

Please include the following:

- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class.
- Completed essay cover sheet as the first page of the essay.
- Completed information on cover sheet for Sponsoring Unit Name/Number/Signature.
- Essay must be postmarked or in my email inbox no later than March 15, 2025.

Please mail (scan or email) completed essays and cover sheets to:

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