

JUDGING GUIDELINES

Use the attached judging checklist. Keep an open mind when reading the essays. Below is the information that was provided to those participating in the essay contest.

What You Need to Know About the Americanism Essay Contest

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Our purpose is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

THEME

“What does America the Beautiful mean to me ~~(regarding Veterans and our Military?)~~ when it comes to our Veterans and our military?”

GUIDELINES

- Each entry must include the Americanism Essay Contest cover sheet (attached).
- Essays must be completed by _____.
- Please include a “completed” cover sheet with each essay.

CLASS	GRADE LEVEL	WORD REQUIREMENT
I	3rd & 4th	150 - 250
II	4th & 6th	250 - 300
III	7th & 8th	350 - 400
IV	9th & 10th	450 - 500
V	11th & 12th	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)

UNIT AND/OR DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL AWARDS

List any awards the Unit and/or Department might offer. Such as:

UNIT AWARDS

(example) A certificate and monetary gift for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each Class Level.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

(example) A certificate and monetary gift for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each Class Level.

NATIONAL AWARDS

\$50 awarded to one in each Class Level

