

Americanism Essay Contest Winners and Department Scholarship Winners

The Americanism Program announces the following Department winners of the 2026 American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest.

Arliss Koski, Department Americanism Chairman, announces the following Department winners of the 2026 American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest.

- Class I Brinxlee Hay, sponsored by Lavern J. Thompson Unit 11, Cavalier
- Class II Tenly Wolsky, sponsored by John Raymond O'Hara Unit 25, Carrington
- Class III Ryan Richards, sponsored by Treuman-Webb-Phelps Unit 6, Grand Forks
- Class IV Averie Sondeland, sponsored by Lavern J. Thompson Unit 11, Cavalier
- Class V Hazel Albert, sponsored by Jefferson-Steinke Unit 18, Hope

Thank you to the units that promoted the 2026 Americanism Essay Contest and congratulations to the winners of this year's contest.

The Department Education Program and Chairman Lynn Tomlinson announce winners of this year's scholarships.

The judging panel selected Zachary Berger of Velva, Rowan Jess of Carrington, and Brandi Schock of McVille for the three \$500 Department Education Scholarships.

National scholarships are applied for and judged online. Referred on to the Northwestern Division for judging were: Drew Burris, Children of Warriors selectee; Elydie Johnson, Spirit of Youth selectee; Brennan Martin, Member Loyalty selectee; and Julie Goeres, Non-Traditional Student Selectee. Final winners of the National scholarships will be announced in late May by the National organization.

Congratulations to these students and to all who applied for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to academics and their communities. Every applicant was worthy of the scholarships.