



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2024
Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grade 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 after convention.

Essay Title: "What does Freedom mean to me?"

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.

Essay Checklist:

- Class competing in _____
- Sponsoring ALA unit _____
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class Completed
- essay cover sheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay _____
- Due date for student to return to ALA unit **February 15, 2024**
- Date due to Dept. Americanism Chairman: March 15, 2024**

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: _____ Department: _____ Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2024