

# AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

**2024 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 Freedom mean to me?”***

***Due Dates: To the Unit President by March 1st, To the District President by March 15, and To the Department Americanism Chairman by April 1st. NO EXCEPTIONS.***

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| **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 Classes:

**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: 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*

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