



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST**  
**2019 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. National winners will be posted at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) after convention.

**Essay Title:** *"How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?"*

**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 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, 2019*

## **American Legion Auxiliary**

### **Department of Pennsylvania**

#### **2019 Americanism Essay Contest Rules and Instructions**

1. **MOST IMPORTANT!!** Must use the National Essay Contest Cover Sheet ONLY!!
2. Essays must be submitted to the sponsoring Units by March 1, 2019. The Unit Americanism Chairman shall judge and submit ONLY one essay from each Essay Class after verifying the Unit and chairman's information on the essay cover sheet. Winning Essays will need to be submitted to the Council Americanism Chairman by March 10, 2019.
3. The Council Americanism chairman will judge and submit ONLY one essay from each Essay Class to the Americanism Sectional Vice Chairmain by March 20, 2019.
4. The Americanism Section Vice Presidents will judge and submit ONLY one essay for each Essay Class to the Department Americanism Chairman by April 1, 2019.

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**\*The following point system is used for judging:**

50% Content

20% English

10% Originality

10% Neatness

10% Spelling

**\*Department Awards for each Class:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$25.00

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