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October 17, 2022

Hello,

Please find enclosed the American Legion Auxiliary, Americanism Essay 2023 Cover Sheet and Rules & Instructions. I hope to see many essays from your students. The essay is for students from grades 3 through 12.

The Essay Title this year is: "What does patriotism mean to you?"

Our Unit number is 15.

Due Date to Unit 15 is February 20, 2023

Make sure that the cover sheet is completely filled out.

All submissions are to be sent to: Sharon Kollman, 6052 Marsh Road,
Waynesboro, PA 17268 or I can come to your school and pick up the entries.

Please feel free to make copies. If you have any questions, please call me at
717-360-6928 or email at granny1967@comcast.net.

Thank you,

Sharon Kollman, President, American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 15



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2023 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 after convention.

Essay Title: *"What does patriotism mean to you?"*

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 15
- ☐ 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 FEB 20, 2023

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: JOE STICKELL, UNIT 15

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, 2023

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Pennsylvania
2023 Americanism Essay Contest Rules and Instructions**

1. MOST IMPORTANT! You **must** use the 2023 National Essay Cover Sheet **ONLY**!
2. Essays must be submitted to the sponsoring Units by February 20, 2023. The Unit Americanism Chairperson shall judge and submit **ONLY** one essay from each essay class after verifying the Unit and chairpersons' information on the essay cover. Winning essays will need to be submitted to the Council Americanism Chairperson by March 6, 2023.
3. The Council Americanism Chairperson will judge and submit **ONLY** one essay from each class to the Americanism Sectional Vice Chairperson by March 20, 2023.
4. The Americanism Sectional Vice Chairperson will judge and submit **ONLY** one essay from each essay class to the Department Americanism Chairperson by April 1, 2023.

Essay Classes	Grade Level	Word Count
1	3 and 4	150-250
2	5 and 6	250-300
3	7 and 8	350-400
4	9 and 10	450-500
5	11 and 12	450-500
6 Students with special needs, word count should correspond with student's grade level.		

The following point system will be used for judging:

50% Content
20% English
10% Originality
10% Neatness
10% Spelling

Department Awards for each Class:

1st Place - \$100.00
2nd Place - \$50.00
3rd Place - \$25.00

Sectional Vice Chairpersons':

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