



DEPARTMENT

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

2023-24

Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 4-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into five groups. One award in each of the five groups will be presented in each division. Winners will receive a prize amount designated by the Department Code.

Group #	Grades	Essay Title	Word Count
Group 1	4 th and 5 th Grades	Why do we honor the Flag?	200 - 300
Group 2	6 th and 7 th Grades	Why is voting important?	200 - 300
Group 3	8 th and 9 th Grades	Who is responsible to keep our country safe?	250 - 400
Group 4	10 th - 12 th Grades	Is service to the country important?	300 - 500
Group 5	Special Needs	How should the flag be disposed of?	25 or more

Essay Contest:

- Group # Competing _____ Age: _____ if special needs
- Sponsoring ALA Unit _____
- Typed or neatly written essay
- Completed essay cover sheet as first page of essay
- Deadline Date: 1st Friday in March** - return to ALA Unit _____

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

Address (Street, City, State, and zip): _____

Email Address: _____

School City/State _____

Teacher or Parents 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: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____