

The 2022 Essay Contest Subject & Title is:

The American Legion - Department of Illinois, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion are co-sponsors of this AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST.

Its purpose is to aid the schools of Illinois in the teaching of AMERICANISM and GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

THREE CLASSES

The contest is divided into the following three classes.

- CLASS I - 7th and 8th grades
- CLASS II - 9th and 10th grades
- CLASS III - 11th and 12th grade

All Illinois School students in the 7th and 8th grades and Junior and Senior High School are invited to participate in this contest. All contestants must be a lawful permanent resident of the United States of America and a bona fide student in a Junior or Senior High School. Home schooled will be competing at their own grade level according to age. Eligible participants in the contest shall be citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States. Competition will be on a Post, Unit or Squadron level and continue on to the Auxiliary District and Division level. Division 1st place winners in each class will compete for the following State Awards.

AWARDS

CLASS III	1st	Place \$1200.00 Scholarship
	2nd	Place \$ 700.00 Scholarship
	3rd	Place \$ 400.00 Scholarship
	4th	Place \$ 375.00 Scholarship
	5th	Place \$ 300.00 Scholarship
CLASS II	1st	Place \$200.00 Cash Award
	2nd	Place \$175.00 Cash Award
	3rd	Place \$150.00 Cash Award
	4th	Place \$125.00 Cash Award
	5th	Place \$100.00 Cash Award
CLASS I	1st	Place \$200.00 Cash Award
	2nd	Place \$175.00 Cash Award
	3rd	Place \$150.00 Cash Award
	4th	Place \$125.00 Cash Award
	5th	Place \$100.00 Cash Award

DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES

The essay must reach the local American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, or SAL Squadron by:

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

(first Friday in February)

ESSAYS MUST BE SENT TO THE LOCAL POST, UNIT OR SQUADRON!

Essays received from schools MUST be judged by **Post, Unit or Squadron and only the 1st place winning essay from each Class forwarded by March 1st to the respective District AUXILIARY Chairman, District AUXILIARY Chairman judge essays and send 1st Place winners to the respective Division AUXILIARY Chairman by April 1st, Division AUXILIARY Chairman judge essays and send 1st Place winners to Department AUXILIARY Chairman by May 1st. Names and addresses may be obtained by calling Department Auxiliary Headquarters - (309)-663-9366 ****Reminder: ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLASS PER POST NUMBER IS SENT ON TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN.**

CONTEST RULES

IDENTIFICATION: Essay entry must include —

- Title page with Essay subject name on it
- Student's name and home address (including city, state, zip)
- Grade in school
- Name of school
- Name of sponsoring Post, Unit or Squadron.

ALL the above information MUST PRECEDE THE ESSAY!

LENGTH: The essay shall be no more than 500 words in length (*not counting a, an, and, the*).

FORMAT: The essay may be either typed on a typewriter or through Word Processing or written in ink on regular theme paper. No decorative borders, pictures or other graphics. ***PAGES MUST BE NUMBERED AT THE CENTER BOTTOM, STARTING WITH FIRST PAGE OF ESSAY AND PAPER CLIPPED TOGETHER(NO STAPLES!)***

IMPORTANT: All essays must be submitted to a local American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit or Sons of The American Legion Squadron.