



Americanism Essay Contest

Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of
The United States of America



Theme:

“What the Bill of Rights Means to Me”

RULES:

1. At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: **I**—5th grade; **II**—6th grade; **III**—7th grade; or **IV**—8th grade.
- 2 Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
- 3 Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
- 4 Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
- 5 Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Austin, TX, June 30–July 3, 2024.

ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2023.

The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

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2023-2024 Americanism Essay Contest Cover Sheet

(MUST be attached to each Essay)



“What the Bill of Rights Means to Me”

Section 1 — to be filled out by student

(Circle or Highlight One Grade)

•Division I: 5th Grade

•Division II: 6th Grade

•Division III: 7th Grade

•Division IV: 8th Grade

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

_____ School Address _____

City _____ State _____

Student's Name _____

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Femalec Age _____ Grade _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

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Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Name _____ Phone Number ()

_____ Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number

E-mail _____ Address _____

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2023.

_____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2024
or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ District _____

_____ Address _____ City _____

_____ State _____ ZIP _____ Chairman's Phone Number ()

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2024
or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ State _____

_____ Address _____ City _____

_____ State _____ ZIP _____ Chairman's Phone Number ()

Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division
to the Contest Administrator, Gwendolyn B. Parker, by March 31, 2024.