

AMERICANISM FOR 2025-2026

September 9, 2025

Welcome to our new Auxiliary year. Time to start planning and getting ready to work on the Americanism program. But before we get into the new year, congratulations to Chewelah Unit #54, they had 2 National Americanism Essay Award winners. We participated in the Americanism Star Spangled Banner Challenge at convention but were advised that Oklahoma won the National Award. Thank you to both Vickie Evans and Amy Robertson for helping. And a big thank you to all the Units who participated in Americanism activities for this past year.

The Americanism program covers many activities such as the Americanism Essay Contest, the Star Spangled Kids Program, assisting with Girls and Boys State programs within your Unit and District, flag education programs, community events/parades, promoting the Constitutional Speech program. Each month I will be highlighting activities for Units.

The Americanism Essay Contest is special this year, the title is "*Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans who fought for Our Freedom*". A copy of the 2026 cover sheet is attached, mark your calendars, the essays are due to me by April 1, 2026.

I've also attached a copy of the "How to Promote Star Spangled Kids". A list of supplies and order numbers are on the National website under Americanism, if you want to order from Emblem Sales. I have also found other items through Amazon and Oriental Trading. Be creative and have fun. This can be used with schools, home school student groups, community youth groups, and church youth groups.

As your Unit completes activities, take some pictures and send them to me with a short note about what you did. Most importantly, keep track of the things you are doing to promote Americanism, the hours and costs (not just on the year-end report), and get it to me no later than May 1, 2026. Write a short narrative of your activities and take lots of pictures.

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