

AMERICANISM

Eva Wallace, Chairman



“Bee Patriotic”

I am pleased to announce the winners of our Department Americanism Essay Contest for 2025-2026. It was an amazing group of entries, and the judges had a difficult decision in selecting the winners this year. The theme was “Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday and the Veterans Who Fought for Our Freedom”. Our award winners have been sent on to National for further judging. And the winners are:

Class I	Grayson Wachtor	Sponsored by Unit 28, Ephrata
Class II	Paisley Tommer	Sponsored by Unit 28, Ephrata
Class III	Emily Graham	Sponsored by Unit 54, Chewelah
Class IV	Remi Turner	Sponsored by Unit 82, Tonasket
Class V	Marc Schmidt	Sponsored by Unit 54, Chewelah
Class VI	Andrew Entrup	Sponsored by Unit 28, Ephrata

Certificates of Recognition will be awarded to Sara Lemus, Class I, sponsored by Unit 34; Amelia McCoy, Class II, sponsored by Unit 54; Bailee Shellenbarger, Class II, sponsored by Unit 82; Alyssa Reser, Class III, sponsored by Unit 34; Harlee Shellenbarger, Class III, sponsored by Unit 82; Alexis Evans, Class IV, sponsored by Unit 28; Terinda Crosby, Class IV, sponsored by Unit 91; Zauc Heathman, Class V, sponsored by Unit 28; Jaiden Cluck, Class V, sponsored by Unit 34; and Dakota Cox, Class V, sponsored by Unit 82.

A special thank you to all the Units that participated this year, it takes a lot of extra effort to work with the schools and local youth groups to organize the event in your communities. It’s not just one day, its contacting people, presenting the program, getting the essays returned and then judged in a timely manner. This is one of those moments, when it “takes a village” or in this case “a Unit” to make the program successful. Thank you to each one of you, our kids are worth it.

Just a quick reminder, reports are due immediately, I need to get my report to National by the 15th. And don’t forget to email pictures to me. My email is evas_place@hotmail.com.

Attached is a Narrative Outline you can use as a reference.