

## Americanism Essay Reminder

The Americanism Essay Contest was created to teach students the value of patriotism and what it means to be Americans. Thousands of students participate in the program each year and help promote a lifelong respect of our flag and country.

Students (grades 3 to 12) explore the fundamental rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Each year's contest has a different theme; one student in each category per division is awarded a prize. There is a category for students with special needs.

**Current Essay Theme:** "What does America the Beautiful mean to me (regarding veterans and our military)?"

Be sure to follow up with the schools you work with to pick up the essays. Make sure you follow the various deadlines in your Department, make sure your first-place winners are sent to your Division Chairman by April 15th.

For details on the Americanism Essay Contest, visit

<https://www.legion-aux.org/americanism-essay-contest>

- Recognize Essay Contest winners with an award.
- Contact your local news to attend the award ceremony. (make sure you get the parents approval)
- Invite winners to read their entry at your Unit meeting.



## Upcoming Dates in February

**February: Americanism Month  
&  
Black History Month**

**February 3rd – Four Chaplains Day**

**February 4th – USO Birthday**

**February 9th-15th – National Salute  
to Veteran Patients**

**February 17th – Presidents Day**

**February 19th – U.S. Coast Guard  
Birthday**



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