

AMERICANISM PLAQUES (REVISED 2026)
Keske Americanism Plaque for Units with membership of 150 and under

Sawyer Americanism Plaque for Units with membership of 151 to 350

Stebbins Americanism Plaque for Units 351 and over

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: Americanism

ELIGIBILITY: Any Unit in good standing in the Department of Arizona is eligible for the award in their proper membership category.

SUBMISSION TYPE: A typewritten narrative of not more than 1000 words. Copy of Official Americanism Report Form to be attached.

For cover sheet, signature, and other requirements see Rules 16, 17, 18 of Standing Rules Addendum #4 at the front of the Department Awards Manual.

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period Covered: Due date decided on by Officers and Chairmen annually (usually May 1 of the current calendar year) for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Traveling plaque presented at Department Convention by the Americanism Chairman.

AWARD CRITERIA: The judging of the Unit narratives for the awarding of these plaques shall be done prior to the Department Convention by a committee of at least three (3) appointed by the Department Americanism Chairman. The Chairman may be a judge. No judge shall have a conflict of interest, e.g., their Unit has submitted for the award.

SCORING SYSTEM

1. Unit program activities as outlined in Department and National Program Engagement Plan.	25%
2. Cooperation with the American Legion	10%
3. Community Projects	25%
4. School Participation	30%
5. Public Relations	10%

PLEASE NOTE: National Awards in this category follow a separate submission and judging process and must be submitted directly by the Unit or the Unit Americanism Chairman (NOT THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN OR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS) to the National organization.

Submission by a Unit for a Department award is not required for National submission.

Please contact the appropriate Department Chairman or see the National website (www.alaforveterans.org) for information about National Unit Awards and the process of submission.

As of 2026 one UNIT in each Division will receive the award for the Most Outstanding Americanism Program.

All membership sizes apply for the one Unit award in their Division.

Entries for National Department Awards are submitted by the Department Chairman.

As of 2026 one DEPARTMENT in each Division will receive the award for the Best Department Americanism Program.