



# Americanism Essay Contest

**Are you up for the challenge?**

## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1038

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade are divided into six classes. The contest begins at our local Unit, winners move on to compete with students across the state. Finally, the state winners compete nationally where the ALA has created five geographical divisions (eastern, southern, western, northwestern & central.) and there is one award for each of the six classes.

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Class I	Grades: 3 and 4	150-250 words
Class II	Grades: 5 and 6	250-300 words
Class III	Grades: 7 and 8	350-400 words
Class IV	Grades: 9 and 10	450-500 words
Class V	Grades: 11 and 12	450-500 words
Class VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

### Essay Title

**“How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans.”**

### Americanism Essay Contest Requirements

- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as the first page
- Adhere to word count for essay and list on cover sheet
- Teacher's name and signature is required

### Due Date

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**

### Submission of Essay

The completed cover sheet with required signatures and typed essay can be emailed to:

[ALAunit1038ny@gmail.com](mailto:ALAunit1038ny@gmail.com)

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### Winners

- All contestants will receive an American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 1038 certificate of participation
- ALA Unit 1038 will award a 1<sup>st</sup> place award to each class for the most compelling essay
- The 1<sup>st</sup> place winning essays will then be submitted for the state competition, ALA Dept. of NY.
- The state winners then compete at the National level. Those winners receive a citation, \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name is made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund.
- National winners will be posted at [www.ALForVeterans.org](http://www.ALForVeterans.org) after the yearly ALA convention in August: <https://www.legion-aux.org/americanism-essay-contest>

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