



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2024-2025
Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 4-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into five classes. One award in each of the five classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive a prize designated by the Department Code.

Group #	Grades	Essay Title
Group 1	4 th & 5 th Grades	“Why do we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag?”
Group 2	6 th & 7 th Grades	What does it mean to be an American to me?”
Group 3	8 th & 9 th Grades	“Why do we have the Constitution of the United States?”
Group 4	10 th -12 th Grades	What does the Bill of Rights mean to me?”
Group 5	Special Needs	“What does it mean to me to fly the American Flag?”

Essay Contest:

- Group # competing _____
- Sponsoring ALA Unit _____
- Typed or neatly written essay
- Completed essay cover sheet as first page of essay
- Due date for student to return to ALA unit _____

To be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State and Zip): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone # _____

School City/State _____

Teacher Name and Signature _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered).

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____ Dist. # _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____