

AMVETS National Americanism Essay Contest Rules

Who Can Participate?

All students in the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades who attend public, private or parochial schools are eligible to enter.

Annual Themes:

2017-2018: "Why is the Constitution important to me?"

2018-2019: "Why should you say 'Thank you' to a Veteran?"

2019-2020: "What does freedom mean to me?"

2020-2021: "What do I think of when I see the American flag?"

2021-2022: "Why should we honor and respect our Veterans?"

Contest Rules:

- ☒ All students must address the theme.
- ☒ All essays may be written in ink, typed or produced on a computer.
- ☒ 6th Grade students should submit essays of 200 words or less.
- ☒ 7th and 8th Grade students should submit essays of 300 words or less.
- ☒ 9th and 10th Grade students should submit essays of 400 words or less.
- ☒ 11th and 12th Grade students should submit essays of 500 words or less.
- ☒ All national entries must be postmarked by July 1. Local and state deadlines may vary.

Criteria for judging of essays:

* Originality * Adherence to theme * Literary composition

National Awards – Gift Cards

6th Grade:	1 st - \$125	2 nd - \$100	3 rd - \$75
7th Grade:	1 st - \$150	2 nd - \$125	3 rd - \$100
8th Grade:	1 st - \$150	2 nd - \$125	3 rd - \$100
10th Grade:	1 st - \$375	2 nd - \$250	3 rd - \$150
11th Grade:	1 st - \$500	2 nd - \$375	3 rd - \$250
12th Grade:	1 st - \$500	2 nd - \$375	3 rd - \$250

All 9th Grade Department first-place winners receive an all-expense paid trip to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania for a long weekend of youth oriented activities. Dynamic speakers and sightseeing are highlights of a trip that is sure to be long remembered.

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Co-sponsored by AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

Entry Form

Please print legibly or type

Applications and essays should be returned to your local AMVETS Post or State Department.

Student Information:

National Americanism Essay Contest in the ____ grade category.

Name: _____ **Birth Date** ____/____/____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Student/Parent E-mail: _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Name of School _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School E-mail: _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Teacher's Name _____

This section must be completed and signed by the Department Americanism Officer or Executive Director. Essay entries must be submitted to the designated Department official. Only 1st place Department entries can be submitted to National Headquarters. A letter from the appropriate Post Official must state:

The attached 1st Place Essay is submitted for entry by:

AMVETS/Ladies Auxiliary - Department/Post _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone #: (____)____-_____

Date

**Signature of AMVETS/Auxiliary
Department Americanism Chairman**