

Americanism

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It is hard to believe how fast paced this year has been moving along. Here we are, all of us Auxiliary ladies moving towards reaching all our goals and missions and promoting the spirit of Americanism in our communities for this upcoming New Year, how exciting!

This year the topic for the essay is **“How Can I Encourage My Friends to Show Pride in Being an American?”**

The Auxiliary’s mission has always been one of promoting the spirit of Americanism in our communities, so as your Department Americanism Chairman, I am so looking forward to receiving the essays from the different grade levels to hear what the youths of our communities want to share with us in their essay on this year’s wonderful topic.

Please get the “American Legion Auxiliary – American Essay Contest” cover sheet form (enclosed in this packet) to your schools, it is so important to hear what our youths have to say. If given the chance, maybe one of the youths from your community will benefit from the award of \$50 and a \$50 honorarium in the student’s name to the National President’s Scholarship fund award along with a certificate and recognition for their essay.

Once your unit receives the essays from the schools or students and your unit has selected the essay’s they want to submit, please mail them to me at 3792 East Hubble Court – Clinton, WA 98236. **The essays must be postmarked by April 1st, 2011.**

If you have any questions for me, please call me at 360-579-2510 or 1-800-233-2844.

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**American Legion Auxiliary – American Essay Contest
2010 – 2011 Cover Sheet**

Each year the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. Grade levels are divided into five Classes. One award in each of the five Classes will be presented in each Division. Winners will receive \$50.00 and a \$50.00 honorarium in the student’s name to the National President’s Scholarship Fund.

Topic: “How Can I Encourage My Friends to Show Pride in Being an American?”

Dear Student: Please complete this form and use it as the cover sheet for your essay. Submit your essay to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit in your community by April 1st, 2011. Essays in Class III and above should be in typewritten form.

Essay Classes (please check entry level):

<u>Class</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Word Requirement</u>	<u>Check Entry Level</u>
I	3 & 4	150-250	_____
II	5 & 6	250-300	_____
III	7 & 8	350-400	_____
IV	9 & 10	450-500	_____
V	11 & 12	450-500	_____

Check List:

- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word limit for Class
- Sponsoring ALA Unit
- Completed Essay Cover Sheet as first page of essay

Complete this information:

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Sponsoring Unit: _____

Local Auxiliary Units, please attach your winning essay to this form and mail to Department Americanism Chairman: Terri Campbell, 3792 East Hubble Court – Clinton, WA 98236. Must be postmarked by April 1st, 2011.