



2019 Americanism Essay Program: A message for teachers

To help our country's most promising young citizens learn firsthand the principles of our free republic guided by the principles of democracy, the American Legion Auxiliary promotes many patriotic youth programs, including the Auxiliary-sponsored Americanism Essay Contest conducted in local school systems. We believe promoting a spirit of patriotism by teaching about it develops lifelong respect for what we hold dear – our country and her flag.

The American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism Essay Contest is open to all students grades 3 - 12. This year's topic is: " How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities"

The essays can be completed at home or part of class work. Essays are due to be picked up at participating schools February 8, 2019. (A phone call will be made a few days prior to remind all.)

Winners will be chosen from each grade/class and they, their parents, and teacher will be invited to attend the Americanism Program at the Aston post home on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 3 pm. Winners will read their essays at the event and they and their guests will enjoy a buffet dinner.

Top winners will go on to compete for further recognition and top prizes in the regional and national contests. Instructions for word counts and contact information can be found on the attached cover sheet. All entries must include a cover sheet. **PLEASE NOTE THAT COVER SHEET INFORMATION ABOUT PRIZES ARE FOR THE NATIONAL PROGRAM -- BUT THE SHEET MUST BE FILLED OUT INCLUDING GRADE AND CLASS LEVEL.**

If you have any questions, you may reach out to Judy Sexton, Unit 926 Chairman, at 610-494-0990. Thank you for your continued support of this Americanism program.

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