



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
2020 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org at the start of September.

Essay Title: *"How can we address the Health and well-being of our Veterans, Military, and their families?"*

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

Essay Checklist:

- Class competing in _____
 - Sponsoring ALA unit _____
 - Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
 - Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
 - Word count of essay _____
- Use the checklist to ensure you have met all requirements. Essays are disqualified if the information listed is not completed.

_____ **To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:**

Student Name: _____

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

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Unit Chairman, first 2 lines must be completed) :

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2018