



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
RULES FOR THE Americanism Poem contest  
Title: “Always Remember Serving Veterans Not Self”

**1 .ELIGIBILITY:** Five Classes.

- Class I – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Class II - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Class III - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Class IV – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Class V – Students classified as Developmental Disability pupils, or those who are in special education classes in our school systems.

**Development Disability** Students include:

- Those in special education classes for the developmentally disabled
- A student recommended for the development disability class, but who was not admitted due to a waiting list or various other causes.
- A child identified as developmentally disabled, but not in a special Identification upon discretion of school officials.
- Please note that home-schooled students are eligible; grade level must be verified.

**2. RULES:** Poems are:

- Original work of student
- Three verses, four lines per verse
- The line may rhyme, but it is not a requirement

**3. STUDENT IDENTIFICATION:** On the **back side** of the poem, write the student’s name, complete address, grade, teacher’s name and sponsoring Auxiliary Unit. The complete address is to include a street, box number or rural route number, city, state and zip code.

**4. DEADLINES:**

- **March 1:** To the Unit Chairman or local Auxiliary from school/student
- **March 15:** To District President from Auxiliary Unit
- **April 1:** To Department Americanism Chairman from District President. Each District

**5. JUDGING:** One or more of the American Legion Auxiliary members may serve as judges providing that judge is a parent of a contestant. Selection of a winning entry will be the decision made by the judges of how much the poem pertains to the subject of Americanism and along patriotic lines

**6. AWARDS:**

- Local Awards – at the discretion of the Unit
- District Awards – at the discretion of the District
- Department Awards – First and Second place winners will be given

