

AMVETS Americanism Essay Contest

Open to students in grades 9 thru 12

Return to the Counseling Office

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

AMVETS Department Americanism Essay Contest Rules

Who can participate?

All students in the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10, 11th or 12th grades that attend public, private, parochial schools, are home schooled or are members of a youth group or faith-based organization are eligible to enter.

Annual Theme:

2016-2017 Why is it important to vote?

Contest rules:

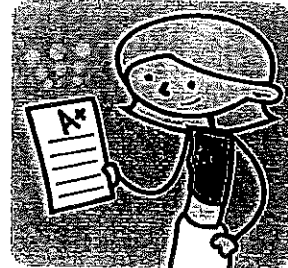
- All students must address the theme.
- All essays may be written in ink, typed or produced on a computer.
- 6th Grade students should submit essays of 200 words or less.
- 7th and 8th Grade students should submit essays of 300 words or less.
- 9th and 10th Grade students should submit essays of 400 words or less.
- 11th and 12th Grade students should submit essays of 500 words or less.
- Local entries must be presented to an AMVETS or AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary representative by _____
- All **Department entries** must be postmarked **by April 1**. **Local and District deadlines may vary.**
- All **National entries** must be postmarked **by July 1**.

Criteria for judging of essays:

- * Originality * Adherence to theme * Literary composition

Local Awards:

6 th Grade:	1 st - _____	2 nd - _____
7 th Grade:	1 st - _____	2 nd - _____
8 th Grade:	1 st - _____	2 nd - _____
9 th Grade:	1 st - _____	2 nd - _____
10 th Grade:	1 st - _____	2 nd - _____
11 th Grade:	1 st - _____	2 nd - _____
12 th Grade:	1 st - _____	2 nd - _____



Department Awards – Money Orders

6 th Grade:	1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
7 th Grade:	1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
8 th Grade:	1 st - \$100	2 nd - \$50
9 th Grade:	1 st - \$150	2 nd - \$75
10 th Grade:	1 st - \$150	2 nd - \$75
11 th Grade:	1 st - \$200	2 nd - \$100
12 th Grade:	1 st - \$200	2 nd - \$100

National Awards – VISA Gift Cards

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

**All 9th Grade Department 1st 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.

AMVETS Department Americanism Essay Contest

Submit Department Entries by 4/1/2017 to:

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10200 Weber Road
Columbus, MI 48063~~
Auxiliary Americanism Officer

Co-sponsored by AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary & Sons of AMVETS

Entry Form

Please print legibly or type.

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

Student Information:

Department Americanism Essay Contest in the _____ grade category.

Name: _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: (____) _____ - _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Email: _____

Name of School _____

School Address: _____ Email: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: (____) _____ - _____

Teacher's Name _____

This section must be completed and signed by the Local or District Americanism Officer. Essay entries must be submitted to the designated Department official. Only 1st place Department entries can be submitted to the Department, unless a Local entry won 1st place on the District, then the Local's 2nd place winner can be submitted.

AMVETS/Ladies Auxiliary – Local/District: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone #: (____) _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Chairman (Please Print)

Signature of AMVETS/Auxiliary
Local/District Americanism Chairman