



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST  
2023-2024  
Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 4-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into five classes. One award in each of the five classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive a prize amount designated by the Department Code.

Group #	Grades	Essay Title
Group 1	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Why do we honor the Flag?
Group 2	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Why is voting important?
Group 3	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Who is responsible to keep our country safe?
Group 4	10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Is service to the country important?
Group 5	Special Needs	How should the flag be disposed of?

**Essay Contest:**

- Class Competing \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring **ALA Unit 291 Newport Harbor**
- Typed or neatly written essay
- Completed essay cover sheet as first page of essay
- Due date for student to return to ALA Unit January 18, 2024**

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

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, and zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Parent Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered).**

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: **ALA Unit 291 Newport Harbor** \_\_\_\_\_ District # **29** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit winner due to Department on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Department Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_